

Policy Recommendations to Promote Violence Prevention

Violence Prevention Coordination
Team

Presented to LPSCC

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Prevention

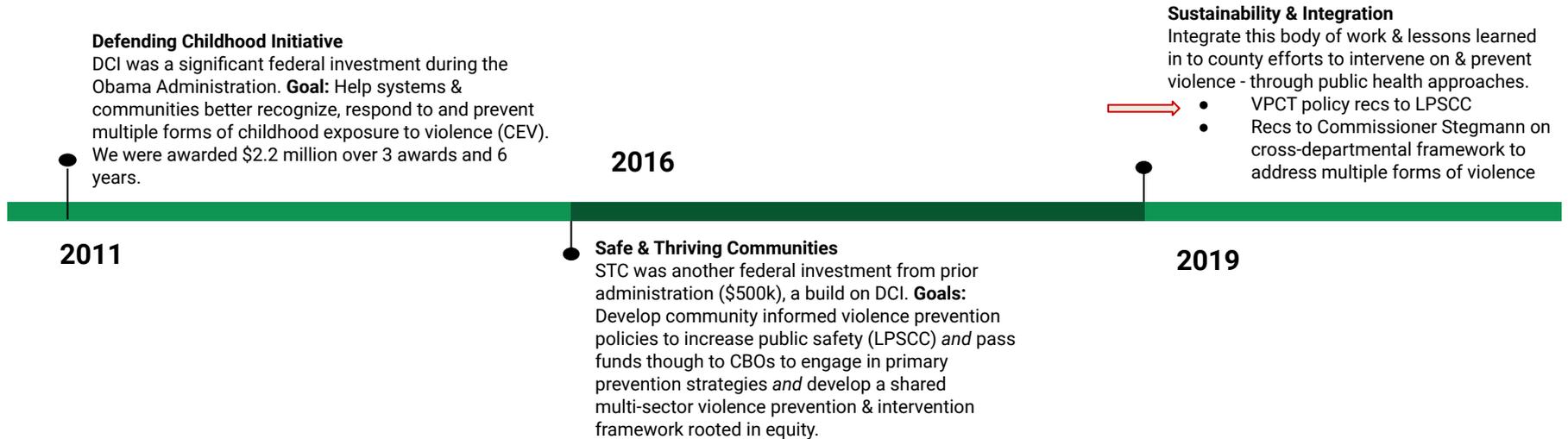
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Child & Youth Exposure to Violence: DCI/Safe & Thriving Communities Overview



Convened from
September 2017 -
February 19.

**SECTORS &
ORGANIZATIONS
REPRESENTED ON THE**

VPCT:

NAYA

POIC

LPSCC

Mult Co Health Department

Mult Co Department of
Community Justice

Mult Co District Attorney's
Office

Mult Co Youth Commission

East County School Districts

City of Portland

City of Gresham

Cascadia Behavioral Health

El Programa Hispano Católico

Urban League

Raphael House of Portland

Latino Network

Non affiliated community
members



Violence Prevention Coordination Team

Who are we, where are we going, and what are we doing?

The VPCT is a collaborative group coming together to develop holistic violence prevention strategies in Multnomah County. We are primarily focused on preventing violence that impacts children and youth. We are learning together while we develop approaches founded on the following core principles:



Racism, like other types of oppression, is a form of violence



Racial justice can prevent other types of violence and promote healing



Communities most impacted by violence hold the solutions to preventing it



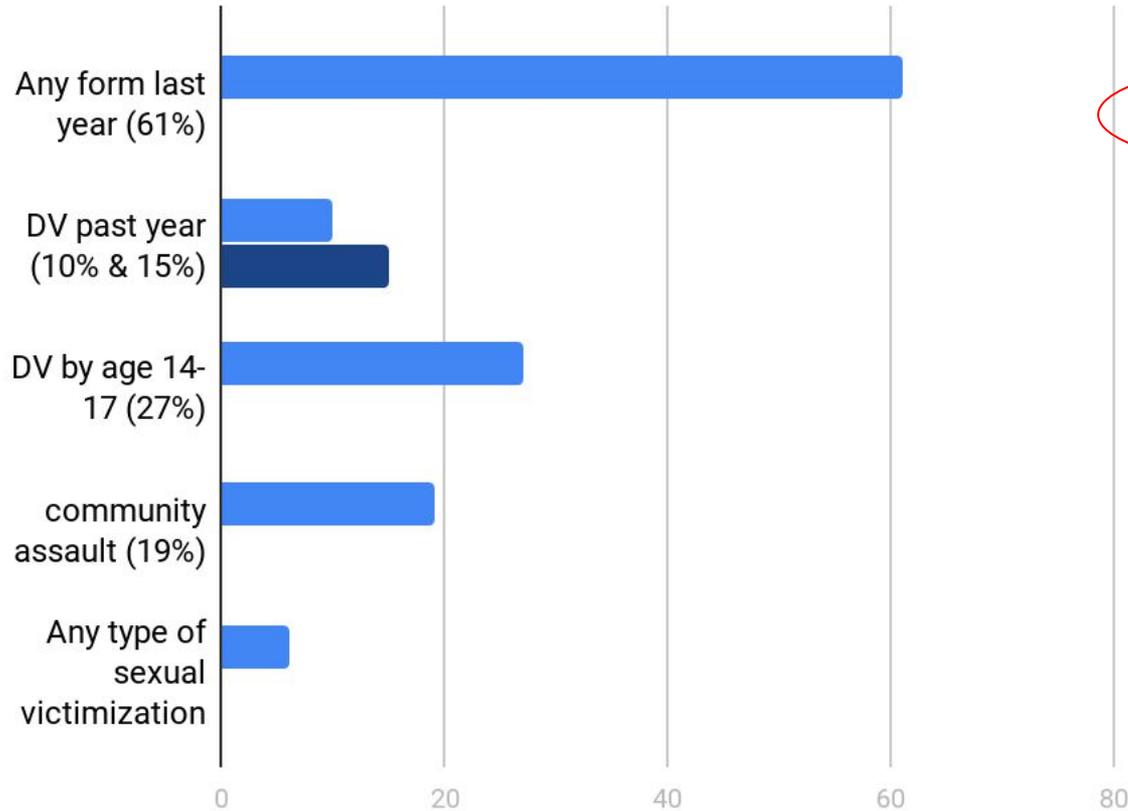
All children and youth should have the right to thrive



Positive connection to culture is healing



Children/Youth ages 0-17 Exposed to Violence



■ National*

■ Multnomah County**

*Key Findings from the National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence and Implications for Assessment, 2010

** Multnomah County Domestic Violence Audit, 2000

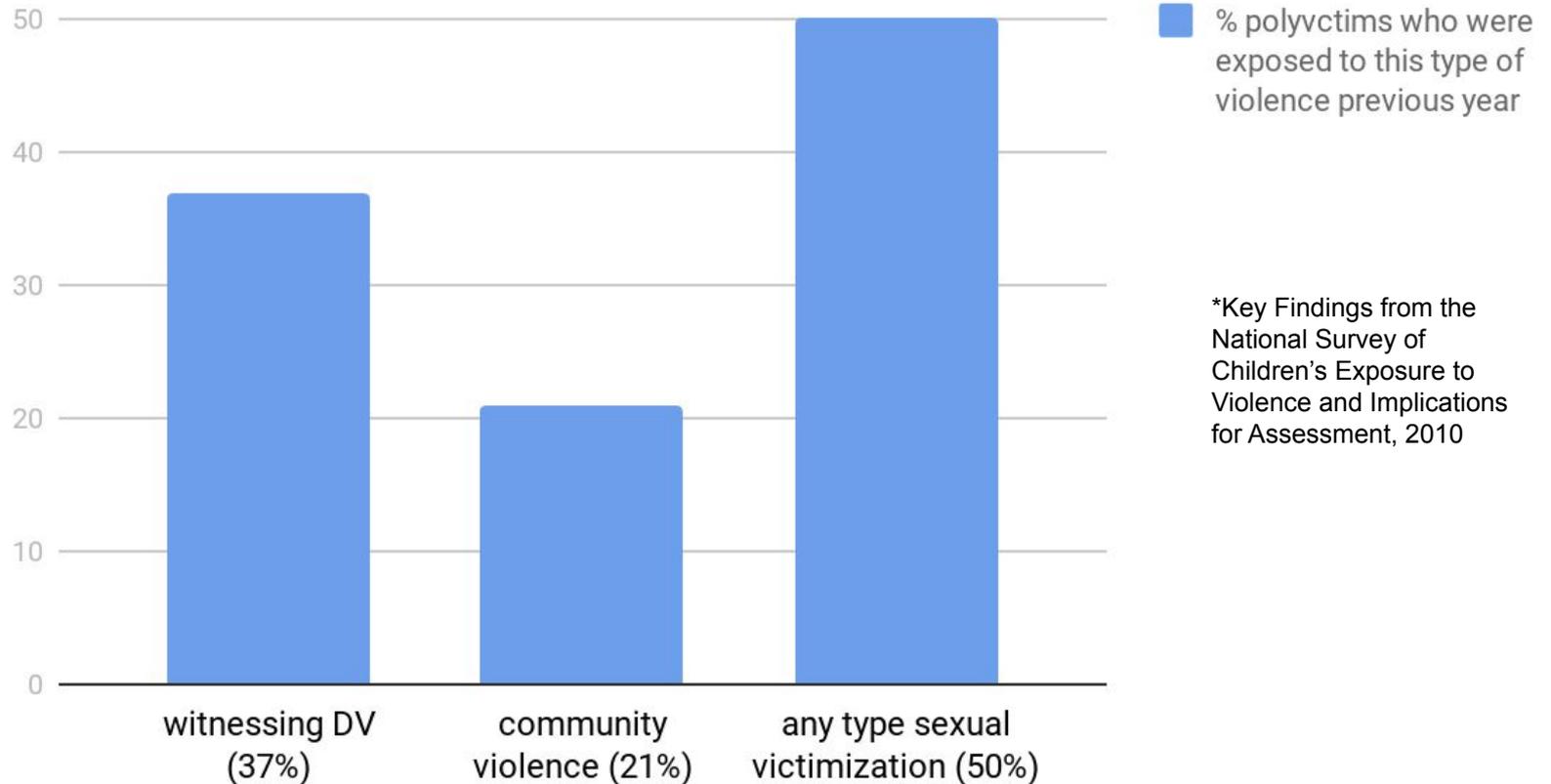
Children and youth are more likely to be exposed to violence and crime than adults.

Finkelhor 2008

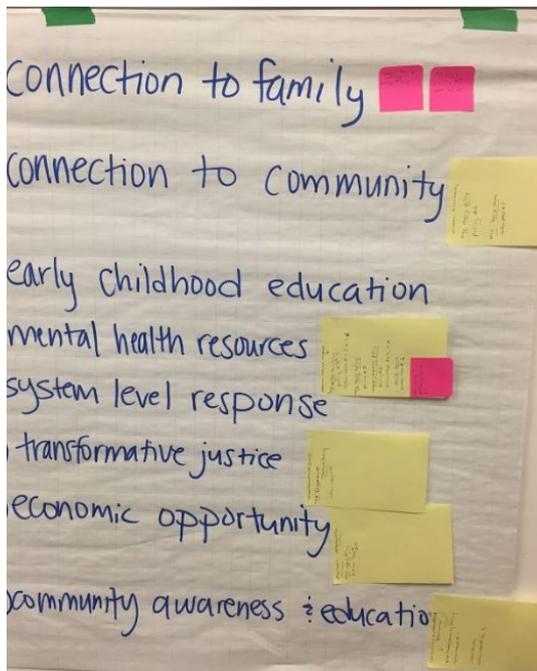
Hashima & Finkelhor 1999



Polyvictimization: exposed to 10 or more unique types of violence directly or indirectly



Policy Theme Areas Prioritized by VPCT



#1 System Level Responses
#2 Connection to Family
#3 Early Childhood & Education
Economic Opportunity
Mental Health Resources
Restorative, Transformative Justice
Connection to Community
Community Awareness & Education



Policy Crosswalk

(Process: Tree Activity at Quarterly VPCT, led to VPCT priority themes, which are cross-walked here with local and national violence prevention work)

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VPCT								
MYC Policy Recs	Home & Family Violence: Policy #2, 4			Home/Family Policy #2/ Action Steps #1-4, 7, 8				Home/Family Policy #4/ Action Steps #1 & #11
	TDV/ SA Policy #3/ Action Step #3			Cyber-bullying Policy #4/ Action Items #1, 2, 3, 5, 6	Cyber-Bullying Policy #1-7/ Action Steps #1-8			
		Police Policy Action Step #5		Police Policy Action Step #1				Police Policy #4
				Anti-Gay and Gender Violence #7	Anti-Gay & Gender School Policies #1-7/ Action Steps #1-6			
		Gang Policy #2			Gang Policy/ Action Steps #9-10		Gang Policy/ Action Steps #2-4	Gang Policy/ Action Steps #9-10
						Restorative Justice Policy/ Action Items #1-7		
YBORAP (Youth Bill of Rights Action Plan) [From Top 10 Outcomes Priorities in document]	#6 All youth have access to safe and supportive place to sleep	#6 All youth have access to safe and supportive place to sleep			#1 Student councils have authentic voice in decisions at their schools		#1 Free Public Transport	
	#8 Youth don't experience verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual abuse at home or at school				#2 Voting position implemented for city & county boards & commissions			
					#4 Students Safe and Comfortable at School			
					#6 School based health clinics provide needed services & youth perceive clinics positively			
					#8 All youth have access to safe and supportive place to sleep			
					#8 Youth don't experience verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual abuse at home or at school		#7 Youth have access to bank/credit union accounts and taught financial management	



The following criteria were considered in identifying recommended strategies:

- 1 ABILITY TO LEVERAGE EXISTING RESOURCES AND CAPACITY;
- 2 BUILDS UPON EXISTING POLITICAL AND COMMUNITY WILL;
- 3 GREATEST POTENTIAL TO REDUCE, RATHER THAN EXACERBATE, INEQUITIES IN RATES OF VIOLENCE;
- 4 CLEARLY ADDRESSES IDENTIFIED RISK AND RESILIENCE FACTORS;
- 5 PREVENTION FOCUSED;
- 6 ADVANCES INDIVIDUAL OR COMMUNITY ASSETS;
- 7 ROOTED IN RESEARCH AND EVIDENCE-INFORMED PRACTICE; AND,
- 8 COMPLEMENTS OR INTEGRATES WITH OTHER LOCAL INTERVENTIONS.

From Milwaukee Blueprint for Peace



Policy Development



- Policy without financial resources
- Big “P” policy and small “p” policy
- Weighing local policy with legislative policy
- Scope of control



- Big legislative win!
- Aligned with legislature
- Learning & growth edges
- Poised to shape future policy for collective impact
- Wisdom of community & lived experience



VPCT Policy Recommendations to LPSCC

1. With the passage of Senate Bill 1008, the Juvenile Justice System will experience some significant changes. As such, **the DCJ Juvenile Services Division and their collaborative partners and stakeholders shall form a time limited work group to identify effective supervision practices to enhance services for the youth population previously sentenced in the adult system** that are grounded in adolescent brain development, positive youth development, and culturally relevant trauma informed practices in alignment with the critical rationale that our state legislature supported with the passage of SB 1008. With JSD and all partners in alignment, public safety and positive outcomes for youth will be increased.

System Level Responses

2. Because a growing body of evidence shows that men are less likely to abuse their children and partners when they are supported to be engaged, nurturing fathers with accurate child development knowledge, **any entity that serves parents & families should ensure that their services, policies, and programs offer culturally relevant parenting support specifically to fathers.** When seeking new investments, programs should assess the effectiveness of programming for fathers, and engage fathers as experts in developing new programs and policies.

Connection to Family

