

**RESOURCE DIRECTORY FOR  
VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

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Project Title: Violent Injury Prevention Project

Project Description

The Violent Injury Prevention Project aims to incorporate public health-oriented interventions into the programs and policies of youth serving agencies and government units of seven targeted municipalities in Alameda County in order to help reduce adolescent and young adult African American and Latino male mortality and morbidity associated with firearms. The project stresses provider education, fostering the development of coalitions and networks, and changing organizational practices.

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Project Title: Violence Prevention Coalition of Greater Los Angeles

### Project Description

The VPCLA is a county-wide coalition of community-based organizations, public agencies, community activists, concerned parents, and county-wide youth representation, committed to promoting violence prevention through a public health approach. The Coalition has established the following three goals as a foundation for county wide reduction of all forms of violent behavior:

1. Firearms: To reduce the availability of firearms in Los Angeles County.
2. Community Norms: To change community norms by establishing non-violence as the desirable behavior.
3. To create/promote alternatives to violence.

Currently, the VPCLA has eight standing committees which include Business Task Force, Community Mobilization, Education, Epidemiology, Health Interventions, Media Advocacy, Policy & Planning, and Community-Based Violence Prevention Initiatives. In addition, we have established an ad-hoc firearm task force to create, promote, ensure, and monitor legislation.

The focus of the VPCLA's efforts is the population of Los Angeles County. Special emphasis is placed in prevention strategies for at-risk youth of injuries caused by violent acts. In addition, we provide technical assistance to any group, organization, and or individuals requesting training in the areas of: curriculum development, research and evaluation, workplace violence prevention, coalition building, community organizing, and legislative review.

The following major activities are currently being conducted by the VPCLA:

- Technical assistance for coalition building and program development to emerging advocacy groups, county-wide and throughout the United States.
- Conducting legislative review of prospective violence prevention legislation on the local, state, and national levels.
- Developing county-wide coordination of peace promotion activities.
- Conducting consolidated media round tables that include print journalists and radio and television personnel.
- Conducting and planning youth forums throughout the county.
- Currently providing Workplace Violence Prevention curricula to the business community and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, managers and supervisors.

The following items are planned for future implementation:

- To provide recognition awards for individuals involved in promoting peaceful solutions to violence.

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Project Title: Creating a Non-Violent Pasadena

Project Description

Work with coalition for a non-violent city and northwest health coalition to implement a gun violence media awareness campaign; volunteer training on gun and family violence prevention; formation of a family abuse agency consortium; art project in the middle schools on substance abuse and violence; and displaying art work created in middle schools at alcohol establishments. Project is geared to residents of the City of Pasadena, with a special emphasis on Northwest Pasadena. Goals include: reducing gun violence in Pasadena; developing an effective, coordinated family abuse service agency network; reducing injuries resulting from youth violence in Pasadena; and reducing injuries resulting from persons on alcohol and other drugs.

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Project Title: Violent Injury Prevention Program

Project Description

Started in the spring of 1995, the Violent Injury Prevention Program was created to develop, implement, and evaluate interventions to reduce morbidity, disability, and cost resulting from violent injuries. Domestic Violence was chosen as the first focus for activities of the project. The Violent Injury Prevention Coalition, a group of diverse public and private sector organizations and individuals, was created to advise and assist with this project. The VIP Coalition has two working groups. The Surveillance Committee is involved in compiling, collecting, analyzing, and reporting data regarding violent injuries in Sacramento County. The Domestic Violence Task Force is made up of Coalition members who are interested in strategies to prevent injuries caused by domestic violence. Participation in the VIP Coalition or any of the related working groups is open to all interested groups and individuals.

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Project Title: Creating Peace for the Youth of San Diego Through Coalition Building and Youth VISIONING

Project Description

This proposed project will expand and enhance an existing coalition to address the issue of youth violence in San Diego County. It will include a Visioning Process by which youth will provide significant input into the development of interventions and in the planning process for San Diego County agencies to improve services to young people. The target population for the intervention to be developed will be identified by the coalition. Also, the coalition will receive a comprehensive report on youth violence. These tools will better enable the coalition to prioritize the proposed intervention strategies.

Projected start date is November 1, 1995.

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Project Title: Violent Injury Prevention Program

Project Description

The goals of the VIP project are to:

1. Increase capacity for intentional injury prevention by creating an injury focal point in the Bureau of Health Promotion which would coordinate, support, and provide technical assistance to all Department efforts at intentional injury prevention.
2. Provide staffing and technical support to the San Francisco Violence Prevention Network, a coalition of public, private, and community agencies.
3. Develop and implement a training on intentional injury as a public health (environmentally driven) issue for managers, gatekeepers, opinion leaders, policy makers, and community leaders.
4. Implement a violence prevention policy and procedures for identification of individuals at risk, for the purpose of initiating interventions that prevent the onset of violent or abusive behavior. These policies and procedures will apply in DPH clinical settings, to increase the capacity and to further institutionalize the Department's ability to address this mandated reporting requirement (Penal Code 11160 and Penal Code 1161).
5. Initiate planning that will establish an accurate system for the surveillance and documentation of firearm usage in violent incidents in San Francisco. Make this information readily available to agencies, policy makers, and the public.

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Project Title: Injury Prevention Project

Project Description

In February 1995, Public Health established the Injury Prevention Project. The project's overall goal is to decrease the incidence of violence in San Joaquin County. Through the development of an injury surveillance system, a violent injury baseline profile will be developed. This information will be used to increase community awareness on violence issues and their contributing factors and to stimulate involvement in violence prevention initiatives. Community leaders, policy makers, service providers, educators, and other targeted individuals will be educated on the findings and the public health approach to violence prevention. This includes education regarding the root causes of violence, contributing factors, preventive strategies, and how these concept can be applied directly. The intended outcome of this educational strategy is to affect program development and evaluation, policy making decisions, and resource allocation.

The Injury Prevention Project receives direction and support from an advisory board composed of a multifaceted membership. Community leaders, health care systems, community-based organizations, law enforcement, and neighborhood organizations are included in its membership.

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Project Title: Childhood Injury Prevention Program (CIPP)

Project Description

During the first year of the three-year grant, injury data for Riverside County was gathered and analyzed to determine the predominate injury problems. A descriptive report has been completed and submitted to the state for approval.

It has been determined from this report that the leading causes of injury/death are attributed to motor vehicle accidents (which include pedestrian vs. car), drowning, and homicides. A low cost child passenger car seat program is presently available to low income Riverside County residents through the CIPP. During the first year of the CIPP grant, this program was expanded to two health centers. A free car seat distribution program to prenatal clients seen through the Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP) has been developed at two public health centers and at Riverside General Hospital. A court mandated child safety seat education program for violators of the child safety seat law will be implemented in the city of Coachella through a mini-grant awarded to MCAH/EMS CIPP by the State and Local Injury Control (SLIC) Section. The development of this program will begin October 31, 1995.

A bicycle helmet distribution program has been developed and will be implemented at three elementary schools in Riverside County. The program includes an education component with participation from local law enforcement, teachers, and parents.

The Program Coordinator is participating in the Drowning Teleconferences and will assist in the coordination of the Drowning Coalition and activities resulting from this network in the Inland Area. A goal of the CIPP is to support the development implementation of a local county drowning ordinance.

The MCAH Director and the Program Coordinator will participate on an anti-violence committee sponsored by the Inland Agency. The Inland Agency receives funding from the California Wellness Foundation for a violence prevention program, "People Reaching Out."

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Project Description

Year 1 of the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health's Childhood Injury Prevention Program focused on the production of a descriptive report on childhood injury. Four datasets were reviewed—mortality data from the Microcomputer Injury Surveillance System, hospital discharge data from EPIC, local emergency transport data from the County Emergency Medical Systems agency, and data from the Loma Linda University Medical Center's trauma registry. Loma Linda is one of two trauma centers in the county. A survey of health department programs and community agencies was conducted to describe current childhood injury-related interventions occurring in the County, including information on the type of injury and target population for the intervention(s).

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