Multi-Level Approach to Youth Violence Prevention

From 2010-2015, MI-YVPC coordinated several programs within the intervention area that seek to reduce violence and create a supportive and healthy environment for youth, ages 10-24. The array of six programs were designed to focus on the individual, relationships, or community. The array of programs were also designed to reach both low and high risk youth. Each program was organized or led by a community organization.

Prevention Strategy

Individual-Focused
- (Youth Empowerment Solutions) Empower youth to create community change and connect them with adult advocates.
- (Project Sync) Provide one-on-one counseling to youth treated at Hurley Medical Center’s emergency department.

Relationship-Focused
- (Fathers and Sons) Build stronger relations between adolescent boys and their fathers.
- (Mentoring) Pair adult role models with youth who have been referred by Family Court or Teen Jury.

Community-Focused
- (Clean & Green) Partner with local organizations to improve and maintain vacant properties.
- (Community Mobilization) Assist residents, community organizations, and police officers in working together.

Evaluation Strategy

The evaluation strategy is based on several components. We are examining spatial analysis of crime incidents, community survey data, and hospital injury data in the intervention neighborhood, in comparison to all other neighborhoods across the city. We are also comparing the outcomes in the intervention area to a comparison area with similar characteristics. In addition, we are conducting a process evaluation of each individual program and an overall evaluation of the Center.

Selected Publications
