Building Evidence for Gun Violence Prevention

From 2021-2026, the Michigan Youth Violence Prevention Center (MI-YVPC) will implement two research strategies to advance youth firearm injury prevention in three communities at heightened risk for gun violence, Muskegon, MI, Grand Rapids, MI & Washington D.C. The MI-YVPC is a partnership between the University of Michigan School of Public Health, Michigan Medicine, and community-based organizations.

Research Strategies

Multi-Site Implementation Trial of SafERteens

- Implement SafERteens, an evidence-based practice for youth violence prevention, in health care settings in Muskegon and Grand Rapids, MI.
- Test healthcare provider engagement strategies to encourage sustained implementation of SafERteens.
- Examine SafERteens’ effects on youth firearm violence at the community level.

Addressing Root Causes for Gun Violence Prevention (ARC-GVP)

- Document and evaluate community-level prevention programs to build the evidence-base for youth gun violence prevention.
- Bring youth from Muskegon, MI and Washington DC together in learning exchanges to plan collaborative prevention campaigns.

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