

Trenton Prevention Policy Board

Evidence based solutions to preventing juvenile delinquency and promoting positive youth development

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Youth Violence Prevention Strategic Plan

Mission

To make and implement policy, program and practice recommendations to:

- *prevent juvenile delinquency and*
- *promote positive youth development in the City of Trenton*

Youth Violence Prevention Strategic Plan and TPPB

- Absence of reliable, up-to-date, publicly available information and data on trends and incidents
- Many ongoing but uncoordinated, unaligned efforts around youth violence prevention
- Other cities' successes at addressing youth violence

Youth Violence Prevention Strategic Plan and TPPB

- **March: Call to Action meeting, TPPB meeting, steering committee meetings**
- **April: TPPB meeting, steering committee meetings, targeted outreach and building connections**
- **May: Today**

National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention: Goals and Process

This Toolkit was developed to support cities in developing youth violence prevention plans by:

- building partnerships;
- taking an inventory of local resources and assets;
- designing strategies, based on local data, that address the nature of youth violence and its causes.

The goal: create a multi-year plan that continues to guide the city's implementation efforts after the implementation phase begins.

Youth Violence Prevention Strategic Plan and TPPB

- TPPB to provide YVP Strategic Plan development and implementation infrastructure
- Serve as inclusive forum around youth violence issues
- Provide support for implementation of policies, programs and practices that emerge from strategic plan
- Manage and report on progress

Process Overview

Forum Four Step Process

Step 1: Build Partnerships and Raise Awareness

- ✓ 1.1: Initiate a call to action.
- ✓ 1.2: Agree on a common vision of success
- ✓ 1.3: Organize a structure for developing the plan.

Step 2: Gather and Use Data to Inform Strategies

- ✓ 2.1: Review current youth violence research and evidence.
- ✓ 2.2: Collect and share local data on youth violence.
- ✓ 2.3: Use the data to inform strategy selection.
- ✓ 2.4: Identify resources and assets.

Step 3: Write the Plan

- ✓ 3.1: Develop strategies and goals.
- ✓ 3.2: Match resources to strategies and goals.
- ✓ 3.3: Develop measurable objectives and activities.

Step 4: Implement the Plan

- ✓ 4.1: Work the plan.
- ✓ 4.2: Revisit and update the plan.

Four Concept Areas

- **Prevention programming** examples include youth development and family support services, educational and community mentoring, and in-school and out-of-school activities.
- **Intervention programs** engage with high-risk and gang-involved youth in a range of settings, and may include educational, health, drug treatment, and other services.
- **Law enforcement efforts** focus on the most serious, violent, and chronic youthful offenders and on crime hot spots.
- Finally, **reentry programs** support youth offenders returning from confinement to the community and begin providing this support prior to their release.

Trenton YVP Strategic Plan: Next Steps

Step 1: Build Partnerships and Raise Awareness

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| 1.1: Initiate a call to action. | 3/1/2017 |
| 1.2: Agree on a common vision of success | 5/2/2017 |
| 1.3: Organize a structure for developing the plan. | 5/10/2017 |

Step 2: Gather and Use Data to Inform Strategies

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| 2.1: Review current youth violence research and evidence. | 5/31/2017 |
| 2.2: Collect and share local data on youth violence. | 6/14/2017 |
| 2.3: Use the data to inform strategy selection. | 6/30/2017 |
| 2.4: Identify resources and assets. | 6/30/2017 |

Step 3: Write the Plan

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| 3.1: Develop strategies and goals. | 9/15/2017 |
| 3.2: Match resources to strategies and goals. | 9/30/2017 |
| 3.3: Develop measurable objectives and activities. | 10/15/2017 |

Step 4: Implement the Plan

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| 4.1: Work the plan. | 12/13/2017 |
| 4.2: Revisit and update the plan. | 1/1/2018 |

Trenton YVP Strategic Plan: What This Looks Like Here

Inventory/catalogue participants, prospective participants

Designate leadership of working groups

As part of developing the plan, each working group will:

- Produce an inventory of existing relevant policies, programs, and practices;
- Determine 5-7 key data points to measure and track changes in this category;
- Prioritize 5 top challenges facing Trenton in addressing youth violence in the context of their category;
- Determine if, and how, Trenton is different in comparison to other cities to determine appropriate and effective strategies.

Final report will include the products of the working groups, as well as concrete steps and milestones to move forward in each of the four categories.

Youth Violence Prevention Strategic Plan: Outcomes

- Identify and address **gaps in services**
- Gain access to reliable, up-to-date **data and information**
- Be part of a **coordinated network of organizations** applying for funding
- Be part of a **venue for communication** related to youth violence and other related issues

Youth Violence Prevention Strategic Plan: Outcomes

- Participate in a **coordinated communication effort** to combat inaccurate representations of Trenton
- Gain access to and awareness of a **network of experts**
- Learn what **policies, programs, and practices** are most effective at addressing Trenton specific issues

Youth Violence Prevention Strategic Working Groups

- **Prevention:** Treatment, services, programs to general population; most may not be in extreme high risk category, with a focus on promoting protective factors
- **Intervention:** Treatment, services, programs that intervene to reduce or eliminate risk behaviors; activities targeted to youth who have begun to demonstrate risk, destructive behaviors
- **Enforcement:** Directly involved in law enforcement or has treatment, services, programs that work closely with entities who are directly involved in law enforcement
- **Reentry:** Treatment, services, programs that work with youth returning from confinement to the community

Working Groups: Questions

- **What questions do you have?**
 - About the group definitions?
 - About the process?
- **Who else should be around the table?**
 - What other organizations and individuals are working in this area?
- **Who should serve as chair or co-chair of this group?**

Next Steps

- Review information gathered today
- Survey
- Designate co-chairs for groups
- Provide guidance, support, data for co-chairs
- Share process and plans with other coalitions

Contact and Communication



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