



AGENDA

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 15, 2022
4:00 PM
CITY HALL, COUNCIL
CHAMBERS
200 LINCOLN AVENUE

PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
5. **PRESENTATIONS**
 - a. Community Violence Prevention R&D Process Findings

- b. Mental Health in the Fire Service
- 6. **MATTERS FROM POLICE, CHIEF PAUL JOYE**
 - a. Crime Stats Y-T-D October 2022 Report
October 2022 Crime Mapping
- 7. **MATTERS FROM FIRE, CHIEF BRIAN MOYA**
- 8. **MATTERS FROM THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY DIRECTOR**
- 9. **MATTERS FROM RECC, ROBERTO LUJAN**
- 10. **MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT**
 - a. October 2022 Municipal Court Report
- 11. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
- 12. **MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**
- 13. **NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 20, 2022**
- 14. **ADJOURN**

Select Findings and Recommendations from the City of Santa Fe Violence Prevention Research and Development Process

Presented to the Public Safety Committee on November 15, 2022

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R & D Process Impetus

Growing concerns about:

- an apparent increase in violence involving youth, guns, and drugs;
- the cost of violence on community health and safety;
- the difficulty of dealing with violence in a way that stops it; and
- a desire to build upon and sustain efforts to help youth struggling with violence.

R & D Approach: Community Perspectives + Research into Best Practice

- conversations with community members who have extensive violence experience
 - consultation with providers of criminal justice, education, healthcare, housing, and public safety services
 - review of violence prevention literature and emerging best and promising practices
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Community Perspectives & National Best Practice – Some of the Organizations Engaged

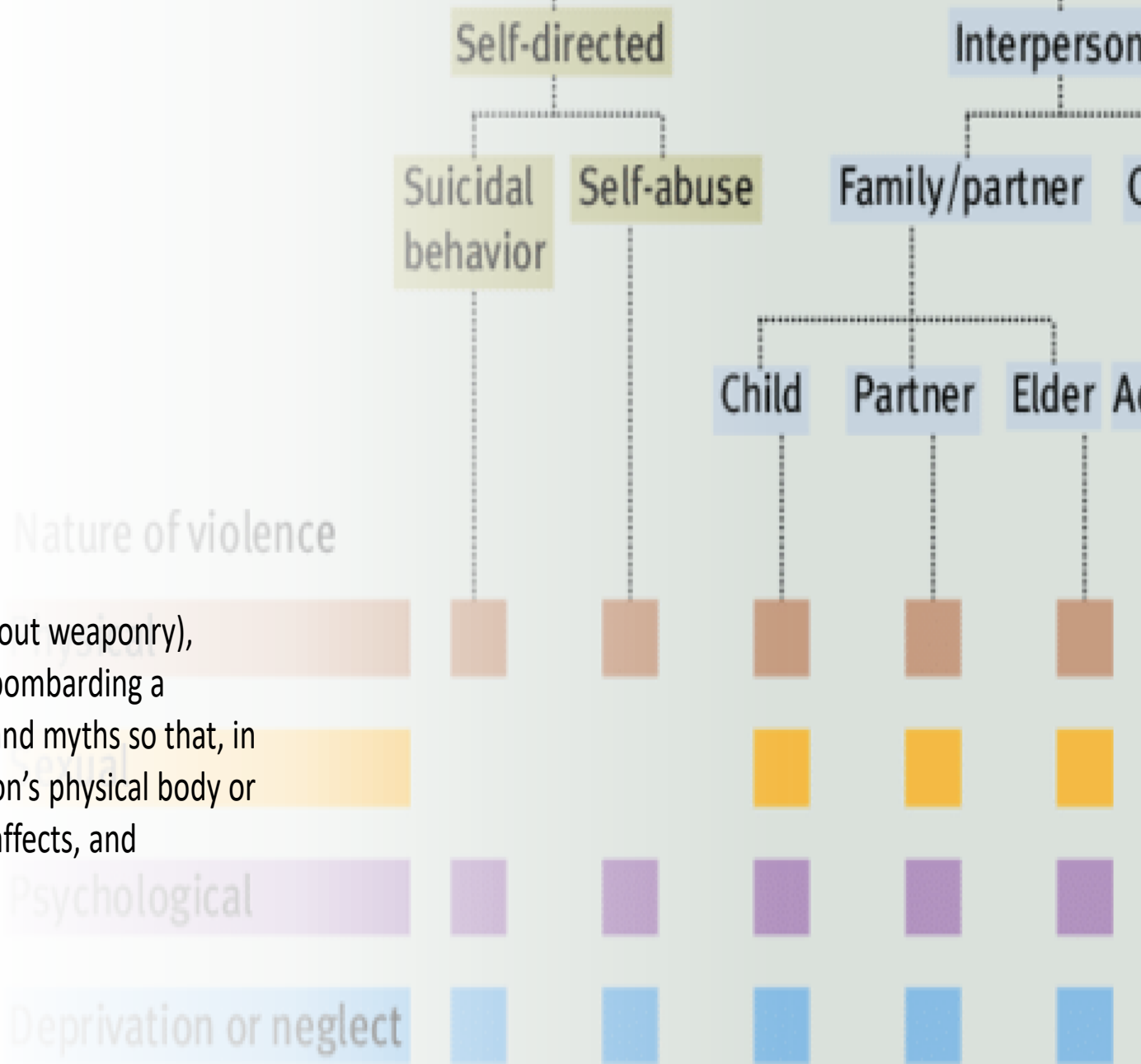
Battered Women's Justice Project	Cure Violence Global	Children and Youth Commission	CHRISTUS ST. Vincent's Hospital	District Attorney's Office, First Judicial District	Earth Care	Esperanza Shelter
Gerard's House	Interfaith Leadership Alliance of Santa Fe	Interfaith Community Shelter	New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence	New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Mayor's Youth Advisory Board	Nonviolent Santa Fe
Presbyterian Medical Services	Railyard Park Conservancy	Resolve	Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office	Santa Fe County Teen Court	Santa Fe Fire Department	Santa Fe Police Department
Santa Fe Public Schools	Solace	Southwest Care	St. Elizabeth's Shelter	The Life Link	Youth Shelters Family Services	YouthWorks

Violence



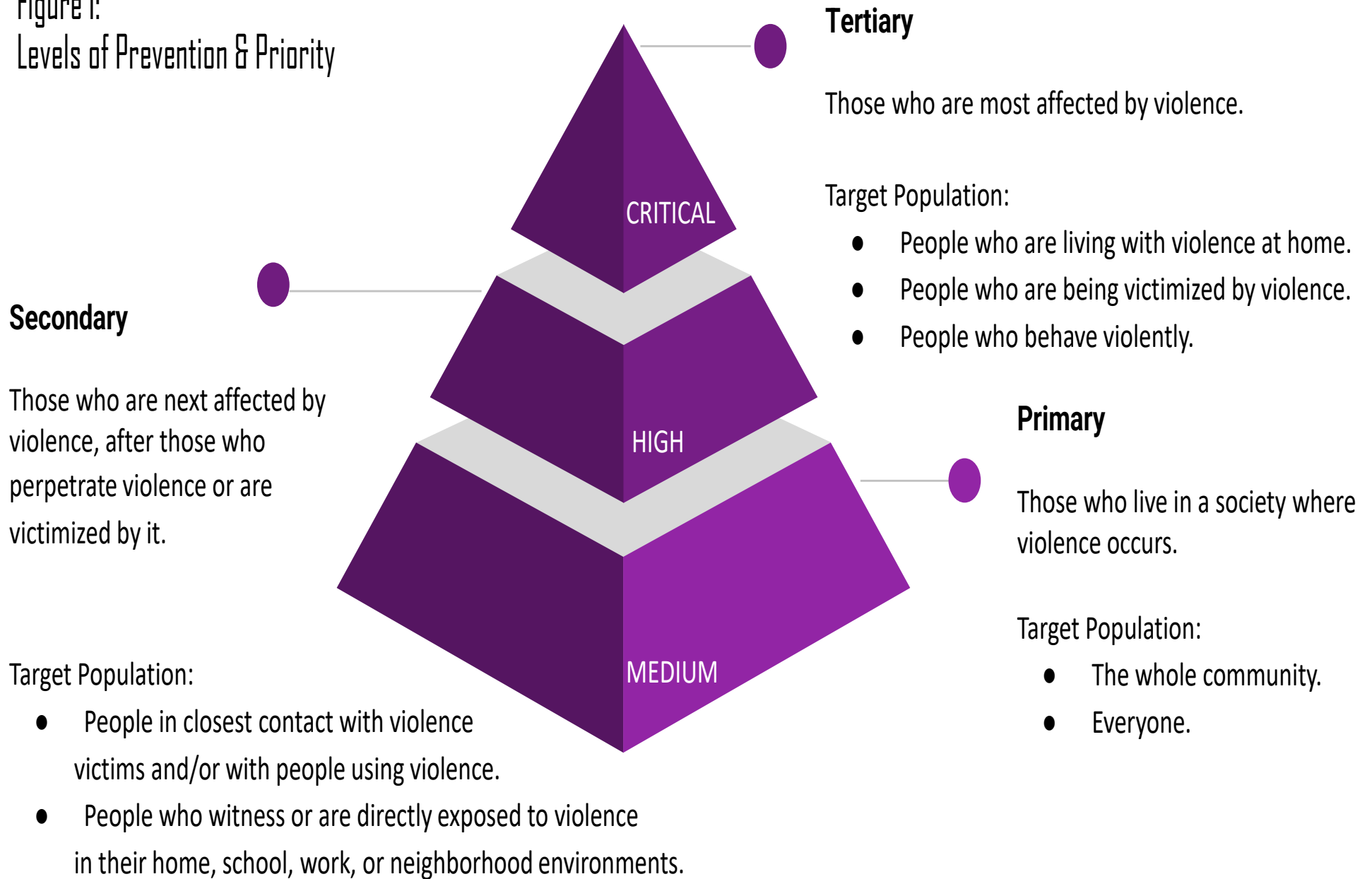
“...delivering physical blows (with or without weaponry), displaying and misusing one’s power, or bombarding a person with destructive misinformation and myths so that, in effect, an assault occurs either on a person’s physical body or to the self-concept, identity, cognitions, affects, and consciousness of the victim of violence”

- Dr. Barbara C. Wallace



SOURCE: Krug et al. (2002, p. 7)

Figure 1:
Levels of Prevention & Priority



National Best Practices to Address Community Violence

Build and sustain a solid, stable infrastructure.

Collect, analyze and disseminate injury and violence data.

Select, implement, and evaluate effective program and policy strategies.

Support a robust community-based antiviolence approach.

Provide training and technical assistance to partners and communities.

Emphasize healing with trauma-informed approaches.

Invest in anti-violence workforce development, especially credible community influencers.

Set aside funding for new stakeholders and strategies.

Engage in community-based partnerships and coalitions.

Commit to continuous improvement based on data, evidence, and peer-to-peer learning.

Infrastructure & Workforce Needs:

- Santa Fe lacks a comprehensive and coordinated local government effort to track, study, and proactively prevent violence. Communication and collaboration across governmental units can promote a comprehensive analysis and response to the problem, while ensuring resources are aligned and applied according to need and priority level.
- There is a lack of workers equipped and available to engage in violence prevention and response work. Staffing shortages are especially notable in public education, healthcare, and emergency response services.

Priority Recommendation for All Prevention Levels

Establish and fund a collaborative City and County Violence Prevention Unit (VPU).

The VPU should model a public health approach.

- Informed by data collection and analysis feedback loops.
- Aligned and coordinated across departments and sectors.
- Builds institutional and community-based capacity.
- Responds to specific population needs.
- Seeks out and engages in best practice.

Youth Needs:

- Meaningful out of school engagement and employment
- Free and safe places to be with peers outside of school
- Consistent presence of trusting adult advocates
- Protection from predation, exploitation, and/or violent victimization by adults or youth peers
- A sense of belonging and mattering to others
- Income that is not gained from guns and/or drugs
- Skills to cope nonviolently with stress

Priority Recommendation: Tertiary Prevention

Support, educate, and employ a cohort of youth at high risk for violence to serve as community support workers and contribute to violence prevention once sufficiently prepared.

Coordinators should create a program that successfully:

- recruits high risk youth;
- builds healthy connection among participants and adult mentors;
- cultivates social and emotional skills;
- assesses and responds to participants' health and safety needs
- builds violence prevention knowledge;
- yields youth-driven plans and projects to promote community health and safety; and
- evaluates effectiveness.



Saving Lives, Transforming Communities

Implement in Your Community

See the Evidence

Cure Violence:
proven
epidemiological
model with
widespread
adoption



8 Evaluations 12 Studies & Reports

The Cure Violence Approach has the strongest evidence of effectiveness for violence prevention.

[Read the new report](#) on the evidence on the Cure Violence Approach. Here are a few highlights:

- ↓ 45% violent crime (Trinidad & Tobago)
- ↓ 63% shooting (New York City)
- ↓ 30% shootings (Philadelphia)
- ↓ 48% shooting — in first week of program (Chicago)

[Read Evidence on Cure Violence](#)



Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention Needs:

- 24/7 multilingual domestic violence victim advocacy is not available to emergency responders attempting to provide warm handoffs and safety support to victims.
- Lack of domestic violence victim advocacy inhibits responders' timely referrals and reporting of fatality assessments to community partners in positions to help.

Priority Recommendation: Tertiary Prevention

- Building on existing programs, establish sustained advocacy for domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or human trafficking survivors that is culturally and linguistically appropriate, trauma informed, and available on a 24/7 on-call basis.

Conclusion

Violence is a major issue of concern in Santa Fe City and County due to its growing prevalence and the toll it takes on individual lives, families, and community institutions.

Dealing with violence effectively requires specific prevention aims, dedicated personnel and resources, and a comprehensive, research informed and community-driven approach.

While violence weakens communities and pulls people apart, strong community connections provide safety and support, helping to prevent violence.

To maximize violence prevention impact, invest in community health and safety workforce and infrastructure development and sustainability.

City of Santa Fe Youth and Family Services Division Priority Actions

1

Hire a program manager to begin to carry out recommendations.

2

Allocate 1 million APRA dollars to violence prevention efforts.

3

Continue Santa Fe County partnership to align violence prevention efforts.

4

Finalize 2022-2027 Violence Prevention Strategic Plan.

Select References

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Thank you.

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