A Lifetime Commitment to Violence Prevention: The Alameda County Blueprint

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Thank you!
A Lifetime Commitment

Phase I
Define the Problem
5/03-8/03

Phase II
Develop Solutions
8/03-12/04

Phase III
Action Planning & Implementation
1/05 (initiated)

Timeline

A Lifetime Commitment

July 05

Hire VP Coordinator

BOS Vote

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1. Need for unified leadership
2. Need for increased accountability
3. Need for a venue for coordination
4. Need more understanding of effective prevention
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Risk Factors

- Poverty and economic disparity
- Illiteracy and school failure
- Alcohol and other drugs
- Firearms
- Negative family dynamics
- Mental illness
- Incarceration/Reentry
- Community deterioration
- Discrimination and oppression
- Media violence
- Experiencing and witnessing violence
- Gender socialization
Resilience Factors

- Economic Capital
- Meaningful opportunities for participation
- Positive attachments and relationships
- Good physical and mental health
- Social capital
- Built environment
- Services and institutions
- Emotional and cognitive competence
- Artistic and creative opportunities
- Ethnic, racial, and intergroup relations
- Media/marketing
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Programmatic & Service Priorities
- Decreased risk factors
- Increased resilience factors
- Children & Youth
- Families
- Neighborhoods

Structure & Staffing
- Leadership
- Accountability
- Coordination
- Understanding of violence prevention
- Program & Govt Effectiveness

Violence Prevention Outcomes
- Intimate partner & domestic violence
- Dating violence
- Sexual assault
- Child abuse
- Elder abuse
- Youth violence
- Community violence
- Homicide
- Suicide
- Hate violence
- Police brutality
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Principles

- Violence is preventable
- Violence prevention is local
- Honor what’s working
- Respect for diversity
- Prevention is not containment or suppression
- We are all stakeholders
- Violence prevention is a long-term effort
To strengthen community assets and reduce community risk factors for violence through effective coordination, resource allocation, community practice, and county-wide engagement to reduce the incidence of all forms of violence in Alameda County.
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Schools
“Several [locales] in the United States have distinguished themselves in the fight to reduce crime… At the heart of successful implementation of community-wide approaches is a deliberate process of bringing together formal and informal leaders to establish priorities for action.”

-Jack Calhoun, founder, National Crime Prevention Council