

# Los Angeles County Office of Violence Prevention

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# OVP Overview

- **Established by Board of Supervisors February 19, 2019**
- **Budget: \$6 million over 2 years**
- **Funding Source: LA County Measure B**
- **Staffing: 9 full-time staff**
  - Director, Administrative Support
  - Program Analysts: Trauma, Community Engagement and Capacity Building, Policy
  - Public Information Officer/Communication Strategist
  - Research and Evaluation Team



## **Vision**

Los Angeles County is free from violence and a place where all individuals are healthy and thrive.

## **Mission**

The Office of Violence Prevention strengthens and supports coordination, communication and capacity building to address the root causes of trauma and violence in all its forms.

# Values

- **Inclusiveness:** We understand that diverse community and survivor knowledge is indispensable to violence prevention and healing efforts. OVP is dedicated to ensuring that the input of community members and survivors is central to violence prevention planning, implementation, and evaluation.
- **Collaboration:** We facilitate a meaningful and effective nexus among entities working in violence prevention and trauma informed practice to highlight and build on existing efforts and identify opportunities for creative joint program, policy and systems change.
- **Capacity-Building:** We increase the effectiveness of communities and practitioners engaged in violence prevention and healing work by promoting access to resources, identifying best and promising practices, and serving as a data and information hub.
- **Equity/Justice:** We address implicit and explicit bias, increasing fair distribution of resources among communities to produce the best life outcomes for all individuals in systems and service provision, and promoting a culture shift that rejects stereotyping and victim blaming and prioritizes the needs of historically and emerging marginalized communities.
- **Accountability:** Our decisions and actions will be transparent, and data will be culturally relevant and easily accessible to improve practice and achieve intended results.

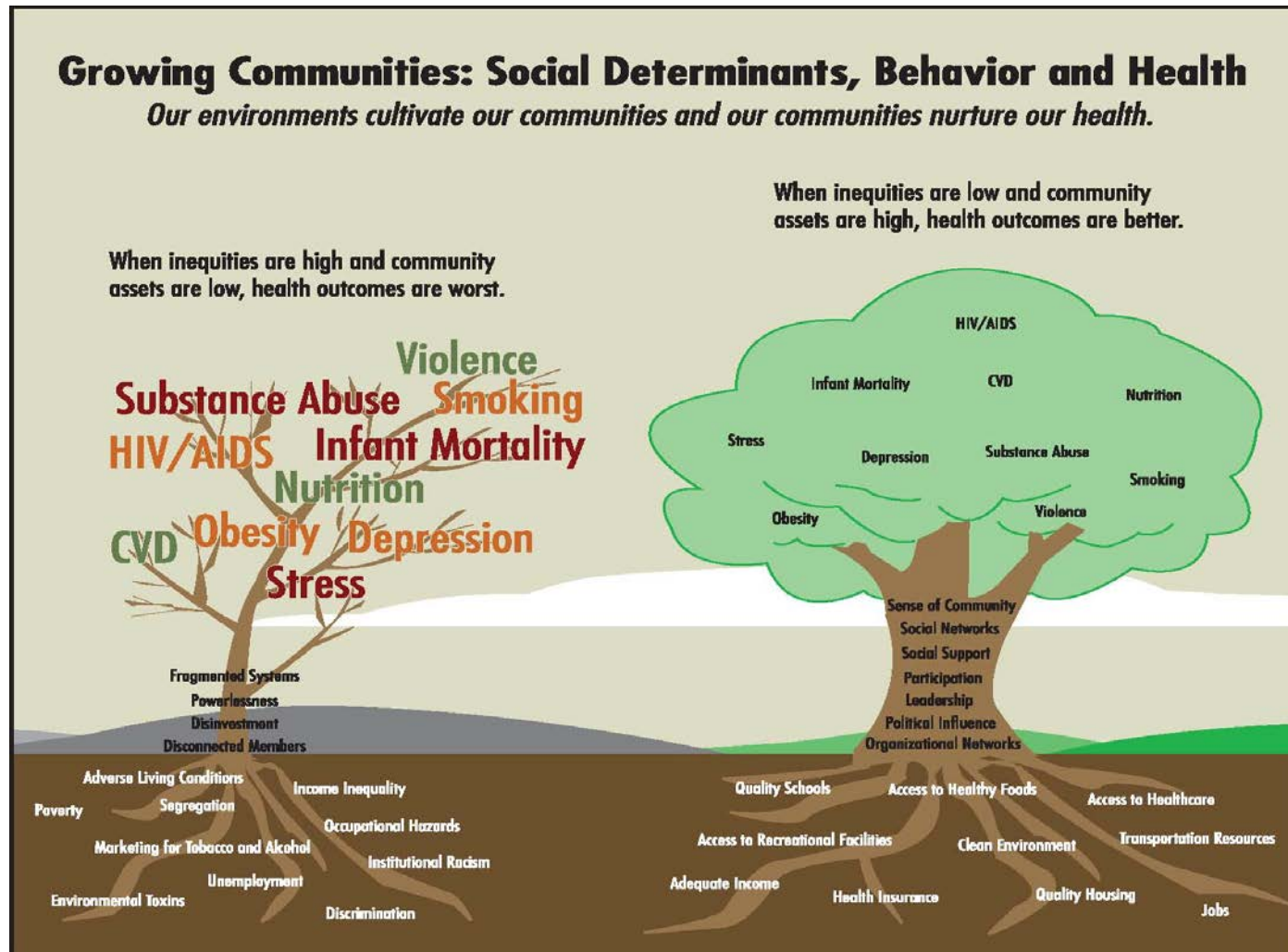
# Multiple Forms of Violence



## Cycle of Violence Prevention

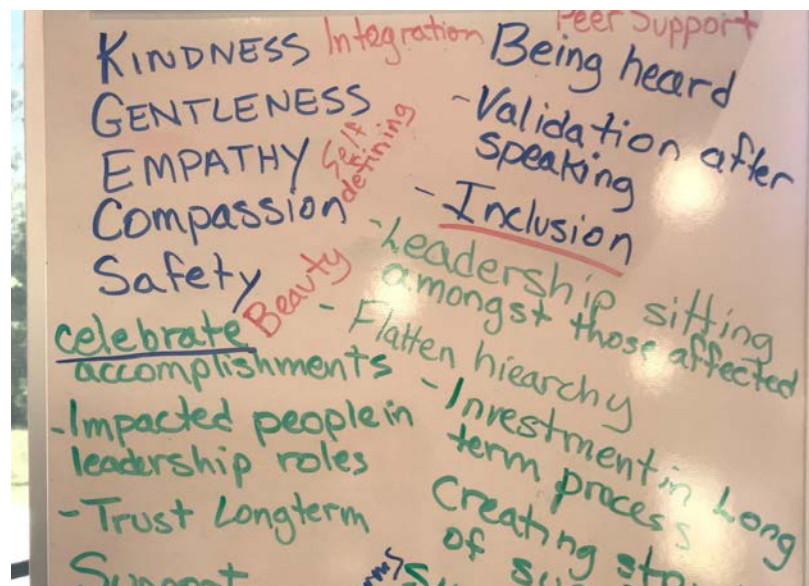


# Social Determinants of Health (Root Causes)



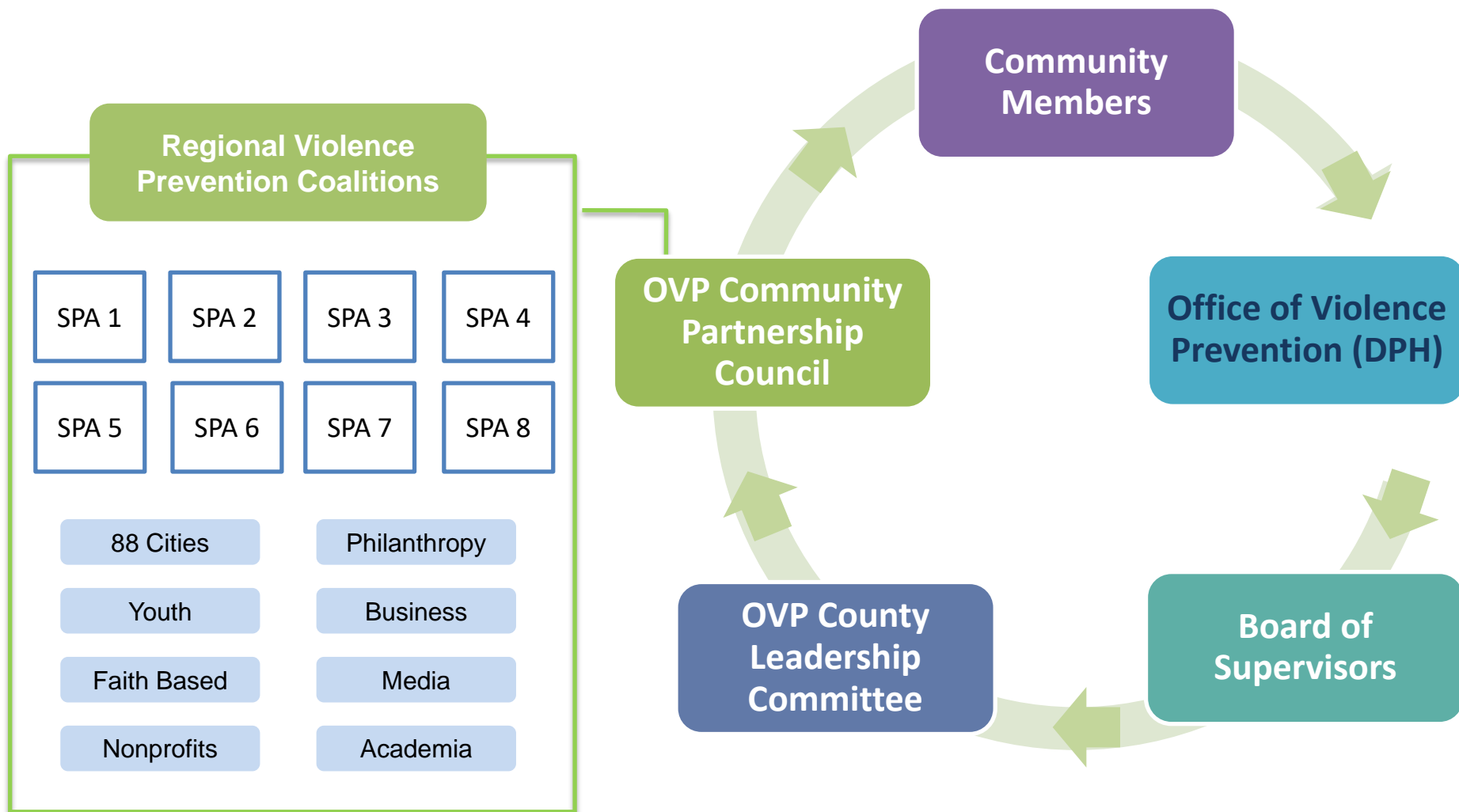
# OVP Governance Structure

- **County Leadership Committee established** (Jan 2019) to guide OVP and improve coordination. Workgroups:
  - Data
  - Definitions of Violence
  - Trauma Training
  - Firearm policy
- **Community Partnership Council convened in October:** 25 member group of stakeholders across the county, with expertise in multiple forms of violence to guide OVP



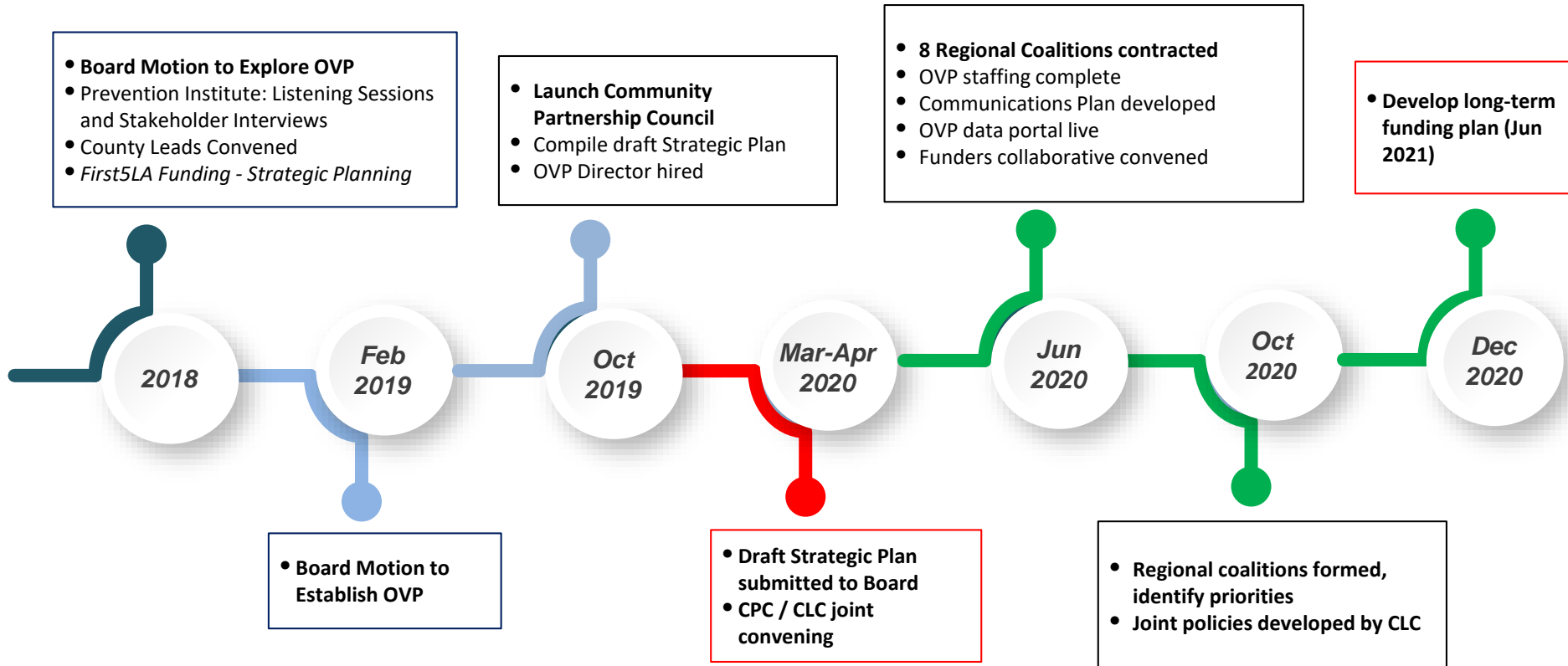


# OVP Coordination





# OVP Strategic Plan Timeline & Process



# Early Implementation Strategic Plan Goals



## **Healing Informed, Equitable Systems & Policies** –

address the unique needs of individuals, families and perpetrators, who experience and/or perpetuate violence with a focus on preventing violence from occurring.



**Supported Children, Youth, & Families** - increase awareness and access to opportunities and resources that help all community members thrive and build positive relationships free of violence and hate.



**Safe and Thriving Neighborhoods** - build infrastructure, address barriers, and expand effective strategies to ensure that our communities are safe places.



**A Culture of Peace** - develop policies, protocols, and practices that promote firearm safety.



# Engagement and Outreach Strategies

- **Community:** How do we effectively reach the diverse and large regional communities of LA County?
  - SPA regional coalitions
  - Communications plan to be developed
- **Survivors:** How do we ensure survivor voice and healing practices?
  - Participate in Community Partnership Council
  - Artist in Residence engaging community members in **Connections Between Us: Solutions to Violence** Storytelling project
  - Connecting with Survivor Speak networks for TPI
- **System Leaders:** How do we navigate the complex systems of LA County?
  - County Agencies: Commitment to County Leadership Committee, Workgroups
  - Partnering with cities
  - Partnering with policy/advocacy/decision makers




# OVP Implementation & Sustainability

- **Expanding Governance Structure**
  - Ensure that survivors, communities have meaningful roles
  - Connect with jurisdiction and policy structures
- **Demonstrate Early Implementation Successes**
  - Capacity Building (trauma informed practice)
  - Strong and Effective Regional Coalitions
  - Clear, transparent and ongoing communication
  - Culturally Relevant Data Sharing
  - Expand TPI place-based work & pilot test new strategies
  - Policy Recommendations
- **Sustainability**
  - Relationship building – demonstrate OVP added value
  - Multi-sector and stakeholder support for common vision of OVP
  - Long-term public-private funding plan



## Next Steps

- Finalize & Disseminate OVP Strategic Plan for Board & Public Comment
- Continue to Build Infrastructure
  - Complete Hiring
  - Launch OVP Open Data Portal
  - Develop communications plan and build communications infrastructure
  - Contracts in place with CBOs for regional coalitions
- Develop a plan for countywide workforce training
- Continue to Build Coordination & Develop Policy Agenda
  - **Convene Policy Workgroup**
  - **Regional Coalitions**
  - **Convene Funders Collaborative**



Violence is not the problem of one neighborhood or group, and the response and solutions are not the responsibility of one sector or one agency. Coming together and owning this problem and its solutions are central.

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