

Trauma Prevention Initiative Theory of Change



THE CHALLENGE. Some communities in Los Angeles County are disproportionately impacted by violence due to a wide variety of factors including a long legacy of racism and historic oppression. Traditional approaches to violence prevention often lack the coordination, equity lens, and culturally relevant approach needed to address these root causes and interrupt the cycle of violence. A holistic, public health approach is needed that includes prevention and Community Violence Intervention (CVI) strategies adapted to the unique needs of communities.



THE VISION. LA County communities are supported and mobilized to reduce violence through a coordinated and culturally relevant approach.



STRATEGIES. The Trauma Prevention Initiative (TPI) consists of three key strategies: prevention, capacity-building, and intervention.



KEY VALUES Peer engagement, cultural responsiveness, community mobilization, systems alignment

Strategy 1: Intervention

ACTIVITIES

Street Outreach & Community Violence Intervention

Hospital Violence Intervention Program

SHORT-TERM OUTCOMES

Systems

- CVI contractors deepen relationships with city, county, and community system partners such as: Public Health, Mental Health, Health Services, Law Enforcement, Reentry and Diversion, Employment, Parks, Schools, Arts, Libraries, faith and community leaders, and others
- Programming is improved through collaborative, cross-system continuous quality improvement

Communities

- The cycle of retaliatory violence is interrupted
- Peace agreements are created and maintained
- Neighborhood ties are strengthened
- Residents feel safer accessing public spaces like parks, school, and libraries
- Residents participate in community safety meetings

Individuals

- Individuals receive referrals and linkages to a range of resources
- At risk individuals have reduced risk factors
- Youth have increased protective factors
- Case managers, Community Intervention Workers (CIWs), and Ambassadors have tools for self-care
- Survivors of violence are connected to support services within 48 hours

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

Violence-related injuries and deaths are reduced in TPI communities

Residents **feel safe** in their communities

Community members are involved in addressing violence in their communities

Frontline staff **integrate self-care practices** as a standard practice

Systems are trauma informed and coordinate to support communities

