



# **San Jose and the National Forum**

## **Presentation to the Gang Prevention Task Force Policy Team**

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## Why should we care?

- Homicide is the second leading cause of death of young people, with an average of 16 youth murdered every day (CDC, 2007).
- For black youth aged 10-24, homicide is responsible for more deaths than the nine other leading causes *combined* (CDC, 2007).
- Not just a public safety issue:
  - Homicides among young people had a total combined medical and work loss cost of \$7.7 billion in 2005, with another \$6.4 billion in nonfatal medical and work loss costs (CDC, 2007).
  - Violence also decreases property values, disrupts social services, and perpetuates the cycle of poverty as education and employment prospects decline.





## What can we do?

- Must work together: no single group or approach can work in isolation, need a *comprehensive* approach
- Must be patient: avoid silver bullets and quick-fixes
- Must be smart and demand results: look to the evidence and data





“Above all, let us lift up six American cities as examples of what it means to break down traditional barriers and find creative solutions to our most critical problems. Then let us broaden our efforts by sharing the lessons we learn with other communities across the country. Let us remake our nation.”

– Attorney General Eric J. Holder





## About the Forum

The Forum is a diverse network of localities, federal agencies and private stakeholders committed to preventing youth violence.

- Six Agencies: WH in lead; DOJ, ED, HHS, HUD, Labor, ONDCP
- Six Cities: Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Memphis, Salinas, San Jose
- Three goals:
  - Elevate youth and gang violence as a national issue
  - Enhance the capacity of participating localities and others to more effectively prevent youth violence
  - Promote systems and policy change by expanding engagement and coordination





## How it Works

1. Localities prepare **comprehensive prevention plans** with:

- multi-disciplinary partnerships
- balanced approaches
- data-driven strategies

*Note: focus is on better  
use of current funding,  
not new funding*



2. Federal agencies support plans with:

- information-sharing
- training and technical assistance
- resource coordination

3. Localities implement plans, which will sustainably:

- reduce youth violence
- improve youth outcomes




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## The Plans

**SALINAS, CALIFORNIA**  
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Salinas Comprehensive Strategy for  
Community-wide Violence Reduction  
2010-2012




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**Preventing Youth Violence**  
*Detroiters Working Together to Help Youth Succeed*


Mayor Dave Bing  
City of Detroit

City of Boston National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention




Youth Violence Prevention and Reduction  
Comprehensive City Plan

April 2011




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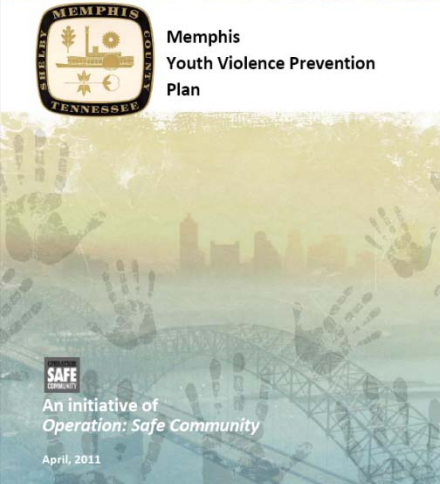
Chicago Initiative for Thriving Youth



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**Memphis Youth Violence Prevention Plan**




**SAFE COMMUNITY**  
An initiative of  
*Operation: Safe Community*  
April, 2011

**Action Collaboration Transformation (ACT)**


*A plan to break the cycle of youth violence and foster hope*

**Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Strategic Work Plan Update 2011-2013**



*Believe Reclaim Hope  
Reconnect Educate Dream  
Success*

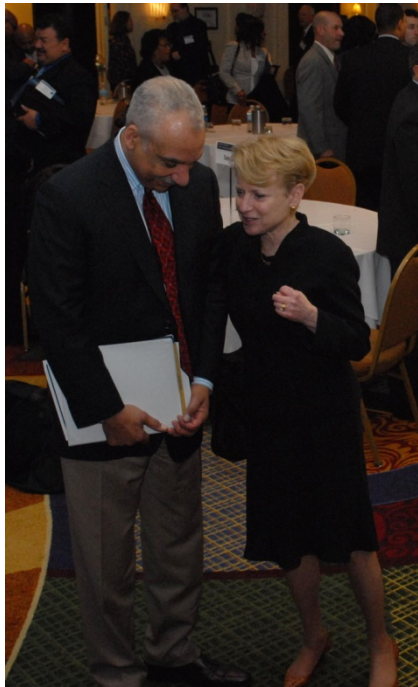
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## The Summit



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**Preventing Youth Violence**  
Start here for general information, resources and data

Youth violence and crime affect a community's economic health, as well as individuals' physical and mental health and well-being. Homicide is the second leading cause of death for youth in our country. In 2008, more than 656,000 young people ages 10-24 were treated in emergency departments for injuries sustained from violence. <sup>1</sup>

Each neighborhood and community has unique experiences with violence and different resources available to them. There is no one-size-fits-all approach to preventing youth violence. However, communities can help reduce youth violence by developing a city-wide strategy that combines prevention, intervention, treatment, and re-entry strategies. The National Forum on Youth Violence

**About the National Forum**

**Assess Your Resources**

**Spotlight on Forum Communities**

**Make a Plan**

**Share Your Ideas**

**Training, Tools, and Resources at STRIVE Online**

**EVIDENCED-BASED PROGRAM DIRECTORY**

The FindYouthInfo Program Directory features evidence-based programs whose purpose is to prevent and/or reduce delinquency or other problem behaviors in young people. Currently, you can search the directory by risk factor or protective

violence [Go](#)



## San Jose and the Forum

- Question: “San Jose already has a strong record of success in preventing youth violence. What does the Forum offer us?”
- Answer: “A lot. Even San Jose can benefit from more perspectives, expertise, and support.” The Forum provides:
  - Access to a **vibrant network** of public and private partners
  - **Training and technical assistance** targeted to meet your needs
  - **Better alignment of federal resources** to support your work
  - **Positive media exposure** celebrating San Jose’s work
- The Forum does not provide new non-competitive funding, but it can increase San Jose’s capacity to compete.





## Some Examples

- **Public and private partners:** assistance with business and philanthropic, faith and community-based, youth and family engagement; access to federal agencies and local colleagues
- **Training and technical assistance:** information on best practices in prevention, intervention, enforcement, and reentry; peer-to peer learning
- **Better federal alignment:** assistance in make federal dollars go farther through leveraging/collaboration
- **Positive media exposure:** spotlighting San Jose's work at conferences and in the press

*Give us your ideas on what else we can do.  
The Forum is yours, use it!*

