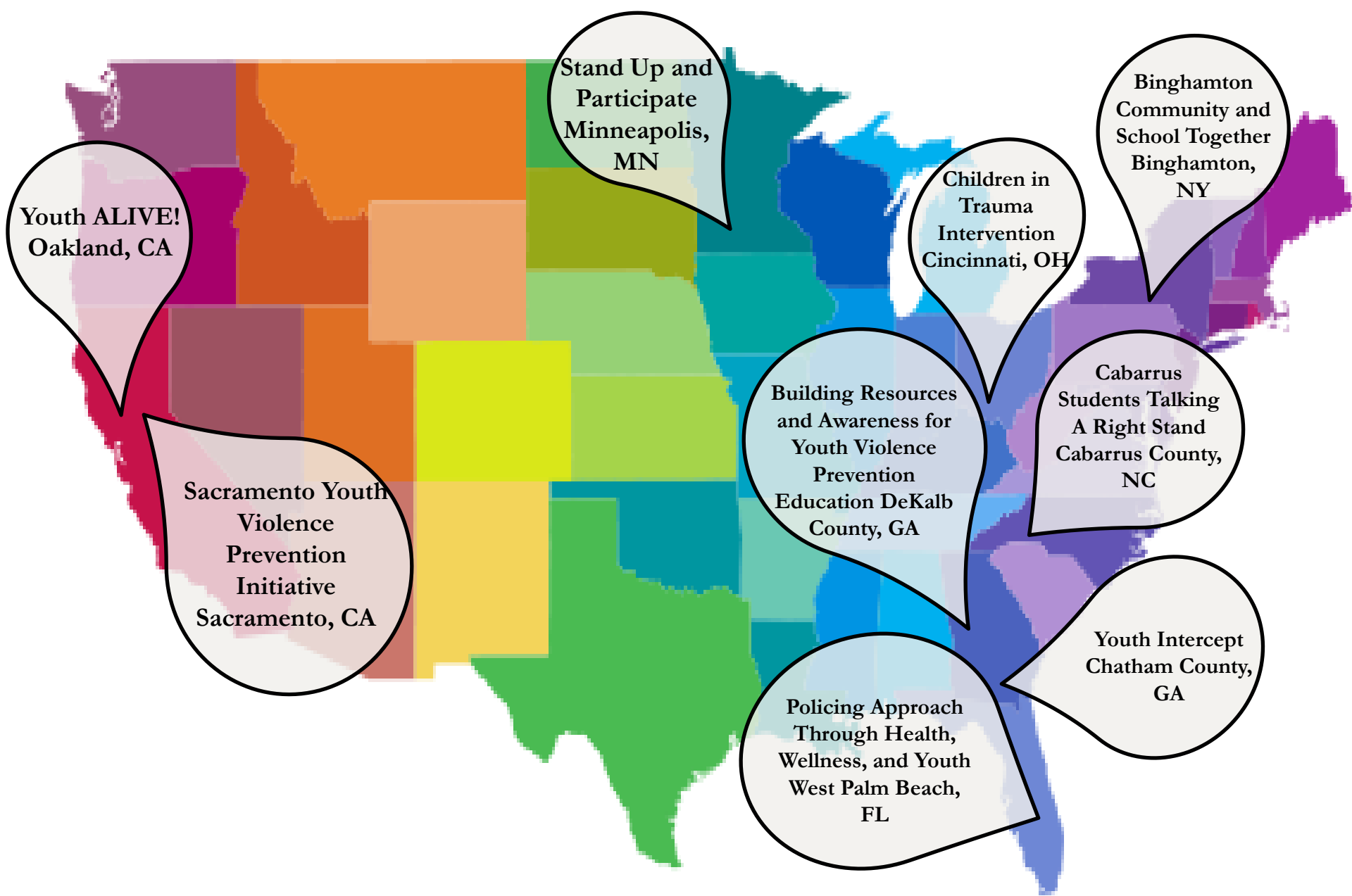


The Minority Youth Violence Prevention Initiative



Minority Youth Violence Prevention

- ▶ A 3 year collaborative project between the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's Office of Minority Health and the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.
- ▶ Started in Fall 2014
- ▶ Funded 9 sites across the country to implement youth violence prevention programming



Minority Youth Violence Prevention Sites

Official OMH MYVP Goals

Focus: On at-risk minority male youth (10-18 years old)

1. Reduce violent crimes against minority youth
2. Reduce community violence and crimes perpetrated by minority youth.
3. Improve academic outcomes for participants
4. Reduce negative encounters with law enforcement
5. Increase access to public health and/or social services
6. Improve coordination, collaboration, and linkages among agencies

Diversity of Coordinating Grantees

1. Community-Based Organizations
 - Asian Media Access (Minneapolis)
 - Youth ALIVE! (Oakland)
2. Health-Related Organizations
 - Cabarrus Health Alliance (Concord)
 - Health Education Council (Sacramento)
3. Hospitals
 - Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital (Binghamton)
4. Health Departments
 - DeKalb County Board of Health (Decatur)
5. Police Departments
 - Cincinnati Police Department
6. District Attorney's Office
 - Chatham County DA's Office (Savannah)
7. City/County
 - West Palm Beach

Diversity of Approaches and Types of Violence Addressed: Targeted Subgroups

- ▶ Anti-social behavior focus
 - ▶ Bullying
 - ▶ Gangs
 - ▶ Violent Crime/Injuries
 - ▶ Homicides
 - ▶ Trauma
- ▶ Pro-social behavior focus
 - ▶ Police Athletic League Mentoring
 - ▶ Healthy Living
- ▶ Sites of intervention
 - ▶ Hospital-based programming
 - ▶ School-based programming
 - ▶ Community-based programming

MYVP In Action



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Trauma-Informed Practices

- ▶ Trauma informed approach to program implementation and development of appropriate interventions
- ▶ Screening Tool for Awareness and Relief of Trauma (START)
- ▶ Mental Health First Aide Training
- ▶ Program staff with subject matter expertise
- ▶ Involvement in larger initiatives to build trauma informed communities and systems

Common Trends / Promising Practices

- ▶ Multi-sector collaborations
- ▶ Opportunities for youth, community, and police to engage another
- ▶ Opportunities for youth development and leadership
- ▶ Family engagement and resource linkages
- ▶ Strategic interventions based on shared information

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While violent crime rates across the United States have fallen over the past two decades, violence continues to pose a major threat to the health and well-being of many communities, disproportionately affecting racial and ethnic minority populations. According to the Centers for Disease Control, homicide is the leading cause of death for African-Americans between 10 to 24, the second leading cause of death for Hispanic youth in that age bracket, and the third leading cause of death for American Indian/Alaska Native youth in that age bracket. In response to this persistent problem, the Office of Minority Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services at the U.S. Department of Justice have partnered to create the [Minority Youth Violence Prevention Initiative](#) which seeks to engage public health organizations, law enforcement agencies, and community-based groups in an effort to curb violence and reduce disparities in access to public health among at-risk minority youth. The initiative reflects an emerging body of research and practice that treats violence as a disease, linking public health agencies with law enforcement to approach violence from a public health perspective.

The Center for Court Innovation was selected to serve as the site coordinator, technical assistance provider, and evaluator for the nine demonstration sites of the Minority Youth Violence Prevention Initiative, building upon its [ongoing work](#) on violence prevention.

In The News

- The summer enrichment program at Cabarrus STARS is highlighted in an article from the Salisbury Post.
- TV station WBNG Binghamton covers the announcement of a Minority Youth Violence Prevention grant to the Binghamton Community and Schools Together program.
- Savannah Morning News profiles the Mock Trial Competition for at-risk youth participants in Chatham County's Youth Intercept Program.
- The blog of the Office of Minority Health and Community Policing Dispatch, the e-newsletter of the COPS Office, cover kickoff of Minority Youth Violence Prevention Initiative.
- The Office of Minority Health announces a \$3 million grant in partnership with the COPS Office to create the Minority Youth Violence Prevention Initiative.

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