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AUGUST 24, 2022

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 - a. Minutes from June 2022 meeting

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- a. Zach Osowski, IPAC, Co-Chair, Communications Committee

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4. Strategic Priority: Juvenile Justice and Cross-System Youth
 - a. Steve Balko, IDOE, and Nancy Wever, IOCS

Juvenile Violence Subcommittee

Juvenile Justice and Cross System Youth Task Force

Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices for preventing serious and violent delinquent behavior.

Serious and Violent Delinquent Behavior

Serious and violent delinquent behavior is any act alleged to have been committed or committed by a person under the age of 18 that involves violence against another person while using a weapon and/or resulting in moderate or serious bodily injury. Acts meeting this definition are codified as:

Murder 35-42-1-1	Feticide 35-42-1-6	Robbery 35-42-5-1	Reckless Homicide 35-42-1-5	Strangulation 35-42-2-9
Voluntary Manslaughter 35-42-1-3	Aggravated Battery 35-42-2-1.5	Pointing a Firearm 35-47-4-5	Involuntary Manslaughter 35-42-1-4	Rape 35-42-5-1
Arson 35-43-1-1	Kidnapping F4 or higher 35-42-2	Battery or Domestic Battery - F5 or higher 35-42-2-1; 35-42-2-1.3t	Criminal Recklessness; F6 or F5 35-42-2-2	Criminal Confinement F4 or higher 35-42-3-3

Additionally, any Attempt of these acts and acts that are felonies and are enhanced due to being armed with or use of a deadly weapon and/or resulted in moderate or serious bodily injury meet this definition.

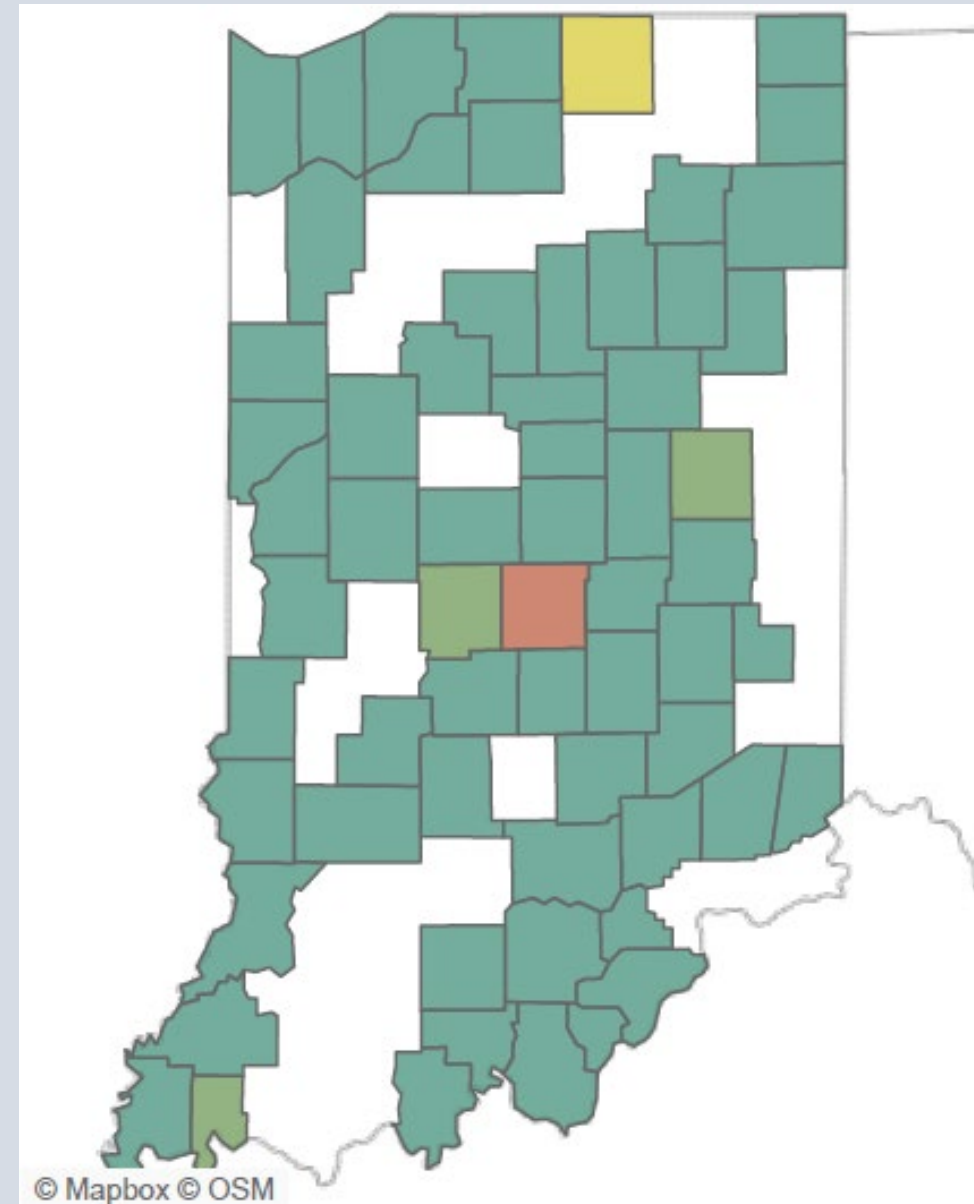
Although they do not meet the definition of serious and violent delinquent behavior, the sub-committee agreed to include in a separate category the acts codified as Carrying a Handgun without a License (I. C. 35-47-2-1) and Dangerous Possession of a Firearm (I. C. 35-47-10-5).

The Data

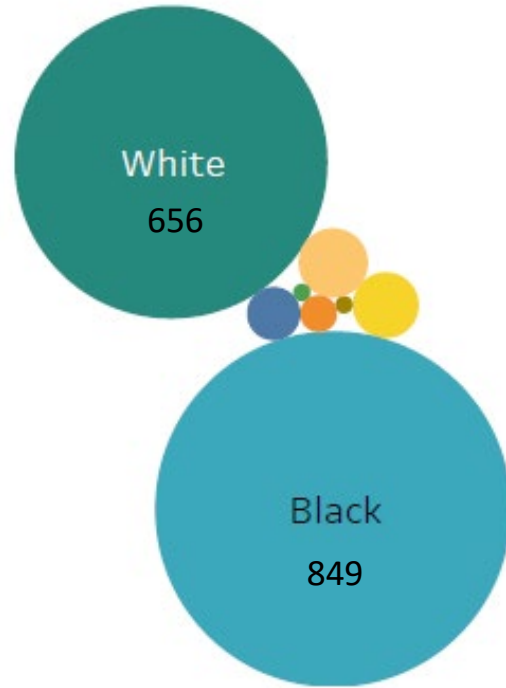
Acts that have been filed in a petition to
adjudge delinquency or found true by
adjudication/conviction

Data – Counties

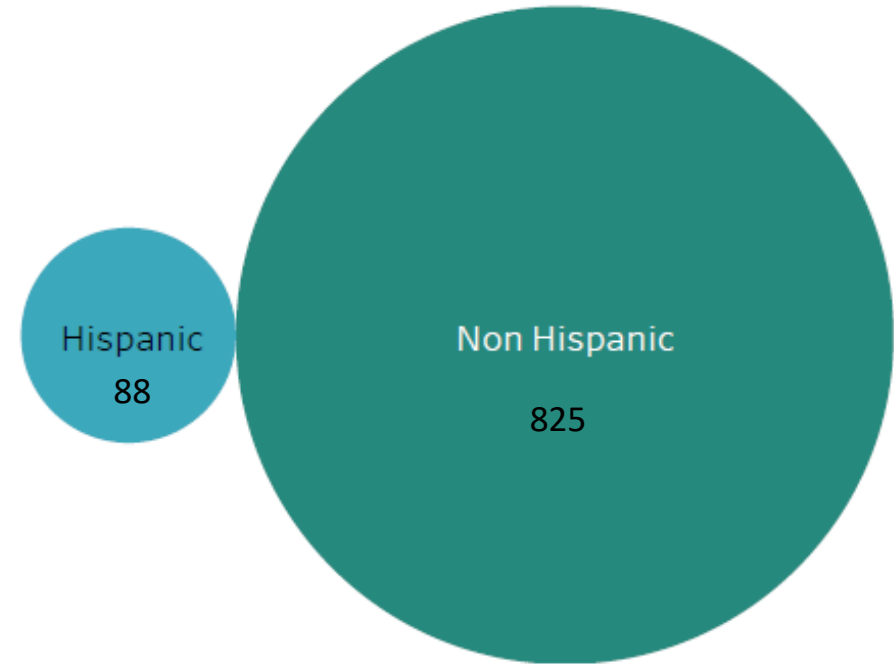
- Incomplete Data
- Significant number of counties missing from this collection
- Hopeful that current efforts to streamline data reporting and collection will fill in the gaps in coming years.



Race



Ethnicity



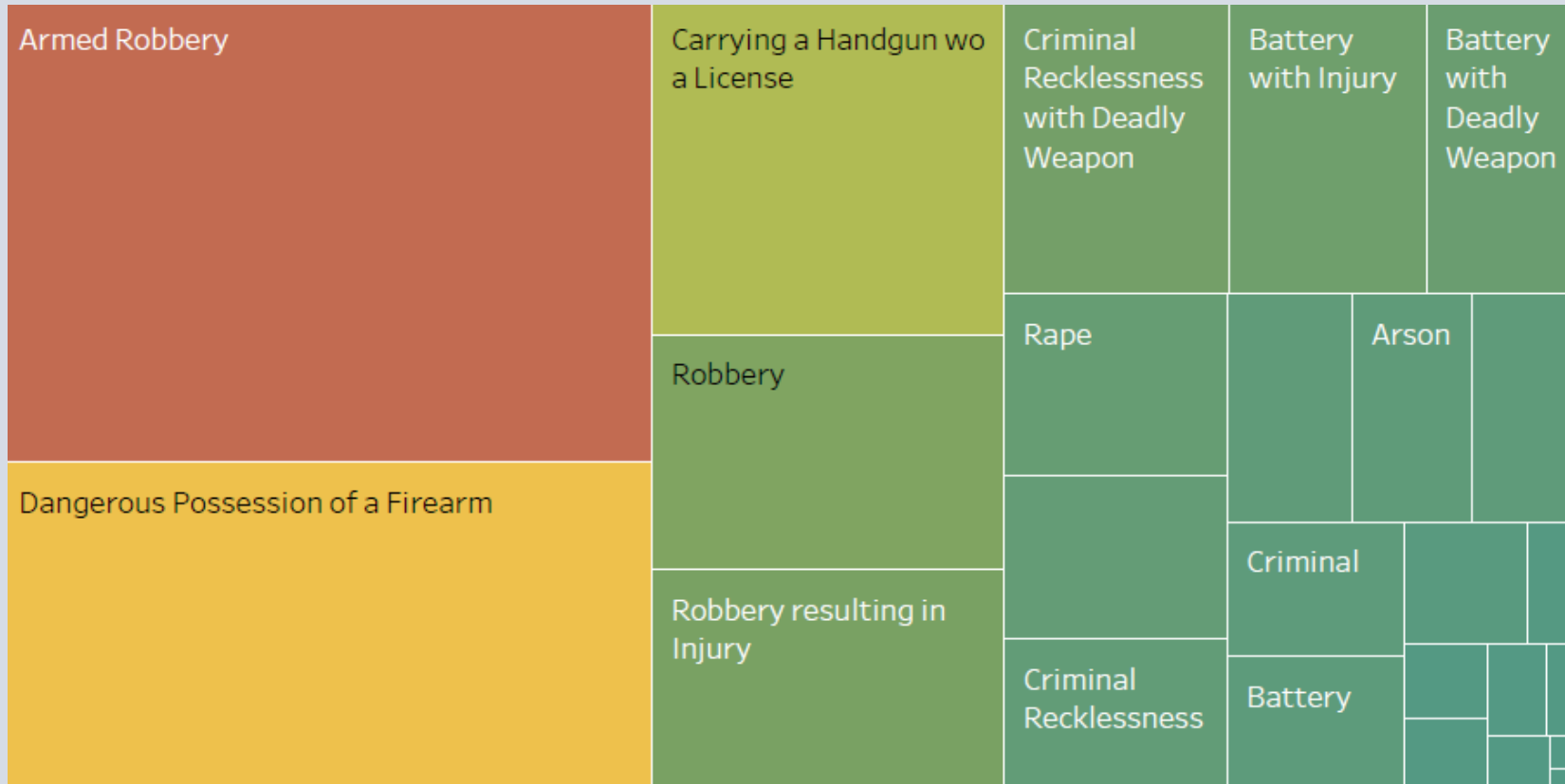
Data – Race and Ethnicity

2011	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
6	6	51	396	389	368	328	314	150

Data – Year by Year

Age	Unknown	Female	Male
10			2
11		1	6
12	1	2	16
13		5	44
14	2	12	93
15	2	14	171
16	1	41	478
17	3	53	651

Data – Age and Gender



Data – Offense Category

Juvenile Violence Initiatives



Cure Violence



Credible
Messengers
for Justice
Involved
Youth

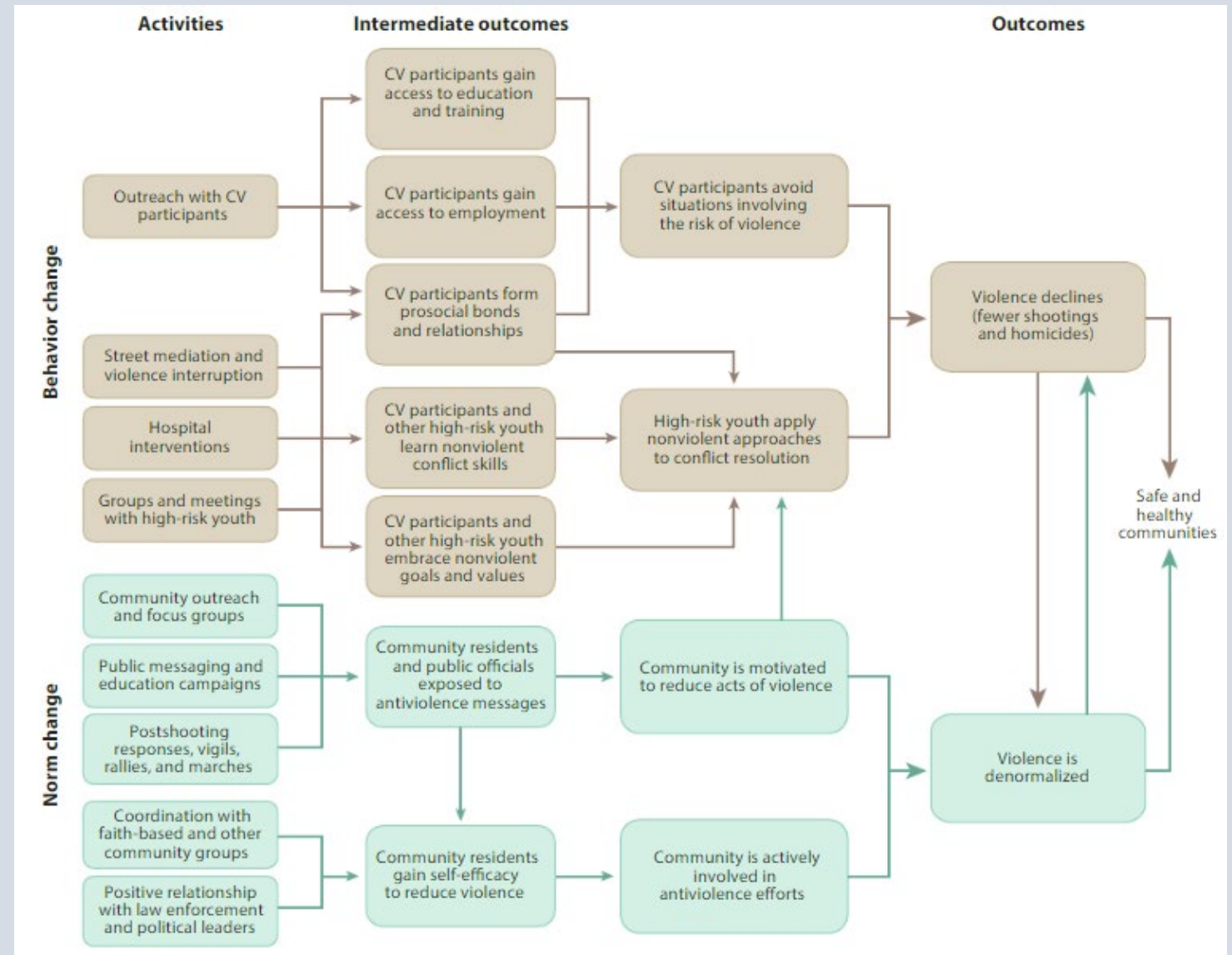


Project BUILD

Cure Violence Overview

Location	Effectiveness Status
Chicago, Illinois	Effective Intervention – Reduced Violence by at least 10%
Description	
<p>Cure Violence (CV) (formerly known as Chicago CeaseFire) seeks to create individual-level and community-level change in communities where it is a norm for youth to carry a gun and to use a gun to resolve personal conflicts and disputes. The CV model relies on three key elements to stop the transmission of violent behavior. It aims at changing norms regarding violence, to provide on-the-spot alternatives to violence that are more acceptable and less harmful, and to increase the perceived risks and costs of involvement in violence among high-risk youth. The CV model does not involve the use of force or the threat of punishment. It is designed to introduce at-risk individuals to alternative models of conflict resolution that, in turn, may spread to the larger community.</p>	
Components	Key Findings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive organizational structure • Target high-risk youth (ages 16-25) • Violence interrupters (usually prior involvement in criminal justice system or former gang members) build relationships, mediate conflicts, and offer non-violent alternatives to rival gang members • Outreach workers offer social services • Community mobilization and public education • Clergy involvement • Aggressive enforcement strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declines in actual and attempted shootings in 4 of the 7 sites studied were observed that ranged from 17-24% • Shooting “hotspots” declined; 6 of the 7 sites grew noticeably safer with the introduction of the CV model • Proportion of killings declined in two areas attributable to gangs • Retaliatory gang killings decreased more across treatment sites than in comparison areas
Return on Investment	
<p>Based on an analysis of 10 years (2006-2015), in Chicago, Cure Violence efforts saved \$33 for every \$1 spent with \$4 in government savings for every \$1 spent.</p>	

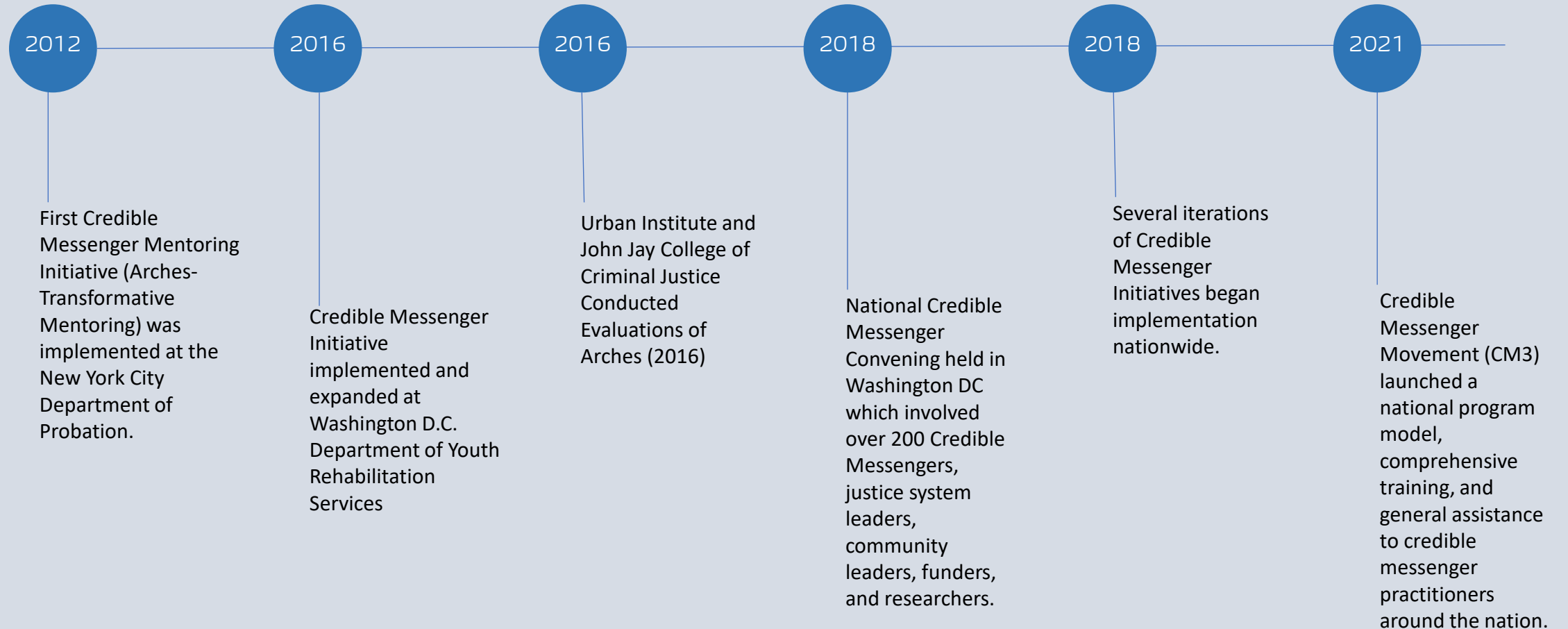
Cure Violence Theory of Change & Evaluation Framework



Credible
 Messenger
 Mentoring for
 Justice Involved
 Youth

Location	Effectiveness Status
Across the United States	Promising
Description	
<p>Credible Messenger Mentoring for youth in the juvenile justice system is a transformational process through which individuals from similar backgrounds, especially men and women who were themselves system-involved, engage youth in structured and intentional relationships that help them change their attitudes, beliefs, and actions.</p>	
Components	Key Findings
<p>What youth will benefit from Credible Messengers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronically involved in Juvenile Justice System • Disconnected from positive supports • Beyond reach of traditional social services • Resistant to change • Gang-Involved • Involved in violence <p>Credible Messengers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come from the same communities • Formerly incarcerated or former involvement with JJ system • Demonstrate integrity and transformation • Are skilled and trained in mentoring youth 	<p>This approach has demonstrated improved outcomes for system-involved youth, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased engagement with programs and services • Reduction in youth re-arrests, violations, and anti-social behavior(s) • Increased compliance with court mandates • Improved relationships between system stakeholders and community • Community capacity to support system involved youth

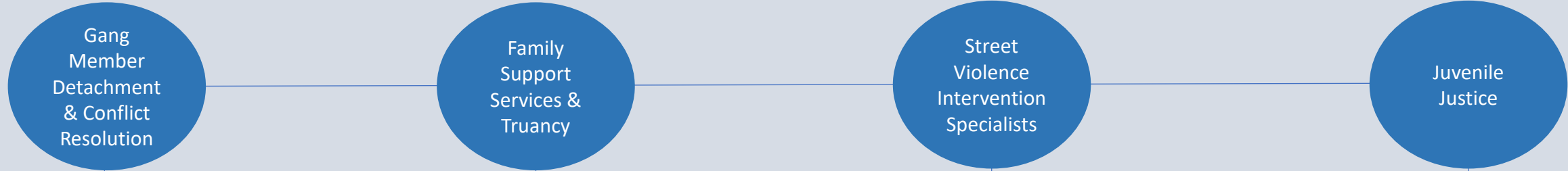
History and Evolution of Credible Messengers



Project Build

Location	Effectiveness Status
Chicago, Illinois	Effective
Description	
<p>BUILD’s Intervention Specialists work on the front lines to diffuse neighborhood conflicts, mentor youth away from gangs and help them overcome histories of violence, trauma, and incarceration. The Youth Leadership Council, Restorative Justice Initiative, and Inward Healing Camping Trips are just some of the ways BUILD ensures that court- and gang-involved youth invest in their futures. By offering both individualized as well as community-based programming, BUILD opens doors for at-risk youth, empowering them to take charge of their lives, futures, and communities.</p>	
Components	Key Findings
<p>Intervention Components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gang Member Detachment and Conflict Mediation • Family Support Services/Truancy Home Visits • Peace Sports Leagues • Street Violence Intervention • Community Violence Response Team Participation • Juvenile Justice <p>10 Week Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Universe Begins with “U”! • The Power Struggles-Bullying Prevention • Choosing Right-How to Make Healthy Decisions for Life • The Emotional Rollercoaster 	<p>This approach has demonstrated improved outcomes for system-involved youth, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of youth connected to school were promoted to the next grade • 88% of youth reduced negative, high-risk behavior, included exhibiting aggressive behavior and associating with negative peer group • 96% of youth who attended a life-skills workshop reported increased knowledge of healthy conflict resolution • 33 youth have detached from gangs w/intervention assistance in past year (2021) • 85% of youth who have been court involved, have avoided recidivating • 65% of youth decreased their use of illegal substances while involved with BUILD

Key Components of BUILD Framework



- Development relationships to assist gang involved youth in leaving their gang lifestyle.
- Focused on promoting activities that reduce participation in violence and crime.
 - Tutoring
 - Counseling
 - Substance Use Treatment
 - Job Training
- Interaction w/street gangs so involvement can occur before or during a time that conflict occurs between rival neighborhoods to prevent further escalation.

- Provides education to assist families who have youth facing a myriad of challenges such as:
 - Behavioral Health
 - Substance Use
 - Poverty
 - Chaotic Family Life
 - School Attendance
- Truancy program designed to support students who are habitually truant.
 - Works w/students' parents or guardians, teachers, and other professionals (i.e., school staff, social workers etc.).

- Engage youth through in-school sessions and out of school gang avoidance.
- Provides case management
- Mediates disputes
- Court advocacy
- Encourage appropriate education to assist youth in detaching from gang lifestyle

- Engage youth and their families in navigating the juvenile justice system
- Attends court with youth
- Provides advocacy in the interest of youth to judges and probation officers
- Assists youth with court-mandated orders
- Case Management & Service Referrals
 - Intensive Mentoring (individual and group sessions)

Resolution of Support or Endorsement

We ask today that the Commission on Improving the State of Children (CISC) endorse the Cure Violence, Credible Messenger for Justice Involved Youth, and Project BUILD programs/initiatives. We also ask for the Commission to consider potential funding opportunities for these programs/initiatives. When implemented, these programs/initiatives have been shown to reduce violence, and the data from Indiana shows this is needed.

Thank you

Subcommittee Members:

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5. Strategic Priority: Mental Health and Substance Abuse
 - a. Dr. Leslie Hulvershorn, DMHA, IUSoM

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5. Strategic Priority: Mental Health and Substance Abuse
 - b. Chief Justice Rush: Mental Health Summit Update

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6. Executive Director Updates
 - a. Implementation updates
 - i. HEA 1359
 - ii. Reducing seclusion & restraint
 - iii. Positive Discipline Guide & Information Sharing Guide
 - b. Evaluation and strategic plan

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7. Commission Members Report on Current Priorities

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8. Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 10 a.m. – noon

Indiana State Library, History Reference Room