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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Introduction to the Office of Violence Prevention and the Aim4Peace Program

Neighborhood Planning & Development Committee

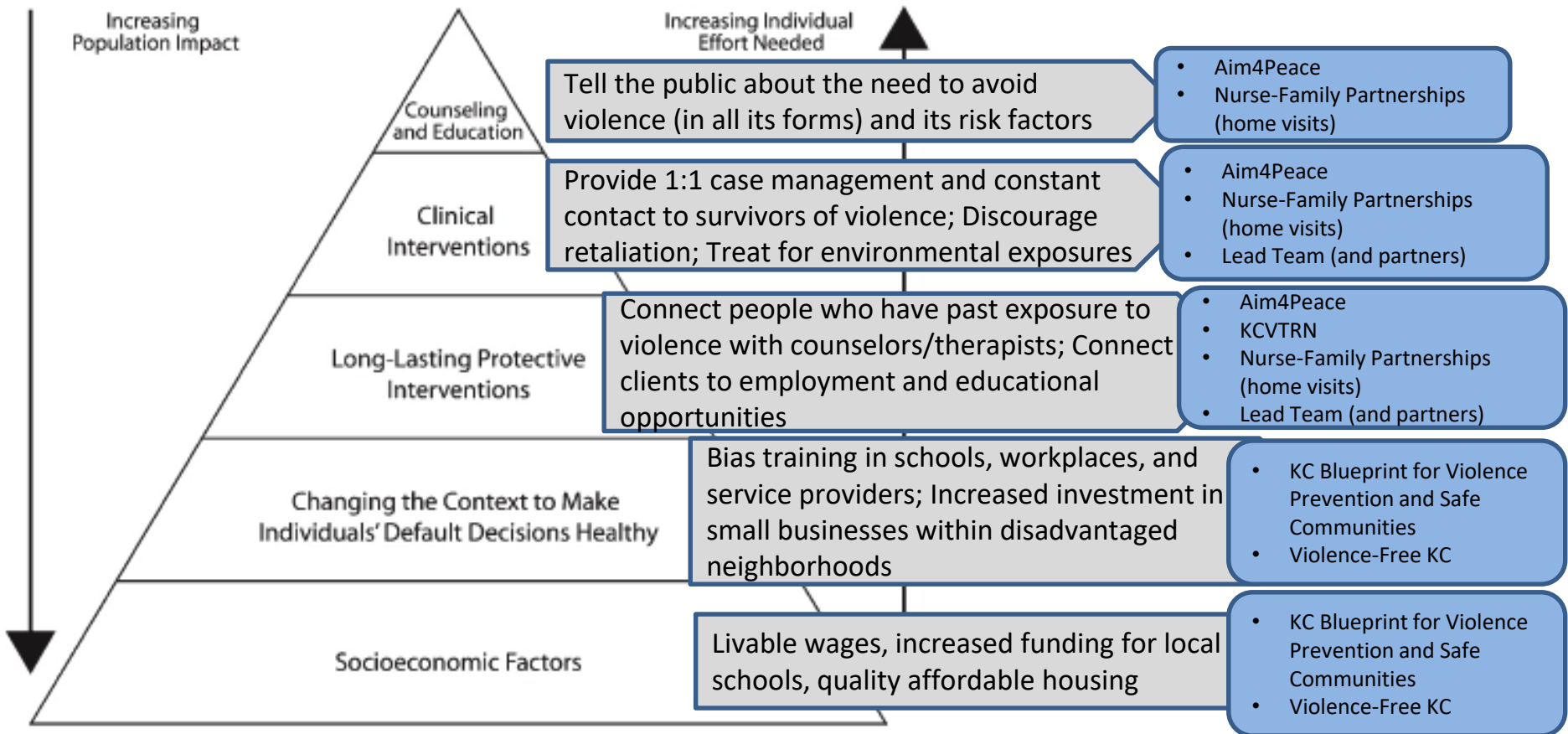
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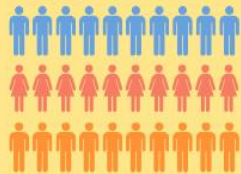
Office of Violence Prevention's Impact 2019- 2020

1. Facilitated the development, vetting, promotion, and uptake of the KC Blueprint for Violence Prevention and a Safe and Healthy Community
2. Developed and submitted more than \$2.3 Million in grant applications that would provide funding for grassroots organizations working to serve youth and prevent violence
3. Facilitated cross-sector policy-setting and participatory evaluation activities across more than 14 agencies that make up the Violence-Free KC Committee (subcommittee of the Health Commission)

Aim4Peace's Impact in 2019

150+ **LIVES SAVED**

Aim4Peace successfully mediated 73 conflicts potentially saving over a hundred lives



HOSPITAL RESPONSES

454



Aim4Peace responded to 454 penetrating injury cases at Research & Truman Medical Centers

REFERRALS PROVIDED

906

Aim4Peace provided referrals pertaining to the different life domains



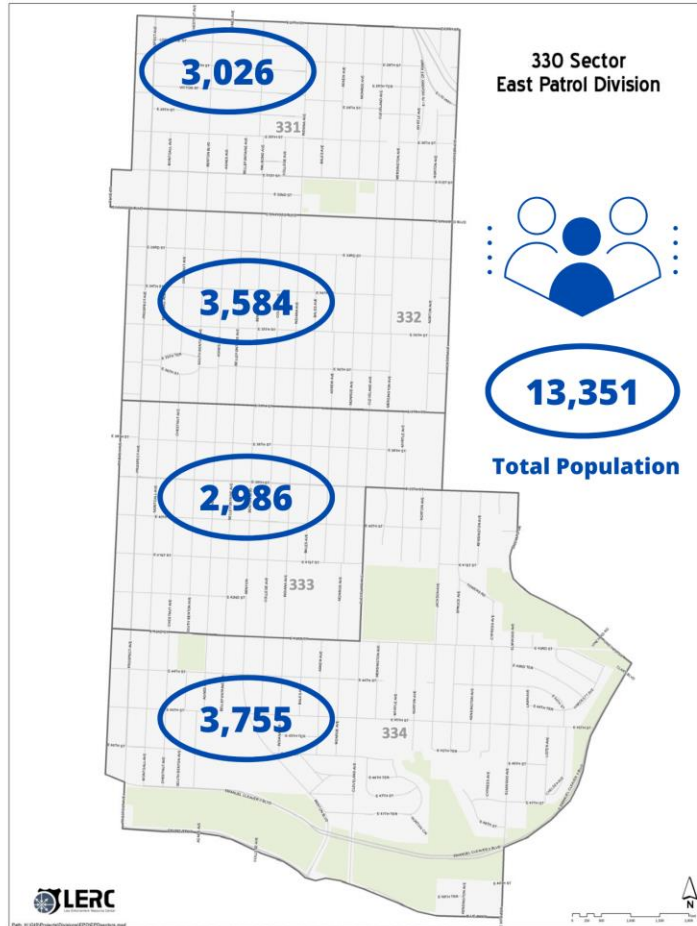
361

FOLLOW UP VISITS

Aim4Peace followed up with 361 individuals impacted by violence in east Kansas City, MO



Staff Size vs Population Size



2019 Snapshot

- 6 A4P Mediators
- 13,351 people in beats 331, 332, 333, and 334



Aim4Peace and OVP's Impact Through

Recently executed contracts (to other entities)

AdHoc Group Against Crime	\$35,000	Provide housing assistance to survivors of violence.
UMKC	\$100,000	Training and stipends to youth who are creating a youth-focused messaging campaign.
Community Capital Fund	\$70,000	Micro-grants to residents of high priority areas starting <i>very small</i> businesses, including youth, grandparents raising children, and returning citizens.
Concerned Clergy Coalition	\$24,900	Identify people at high risk for violence and refer survivors to Aim4Peace for support and risk reduction.
Strategic Workforce Development	\$19,000	Assist Aim4Peace client with finding and maintaining employment. Provides soft skills training, attire, and transportation.

Recently submitted grant applications

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	\$1.3 Million	Train and pay youth community health workers (ages 15-24) who would work to mediate conflicts and spread the message of violence prevention.
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	\$497,000	Provide micro-grants to local organizations that offer out-of-school-time activities to youth from priority neighborhoods.



Chicago Shootings and Homicides

**-41% to
-73%**



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Baltimore Homicides

-56%



**CENTER
FOR
COURT
INNOVATION**

New York City Shootings

-20%

Awards and Recognition

- **Kris and Lynn Cheatum Community Peace Award (2020)**
- **Resolution No. 180515: Aim4Peace leading the Urban Core Clean-Up (2018)**
- **Aim4Peace is a 2016 NACCHO Model Practice Awardee**
- **Community Partnership for Safer Communities Award, MO Department of Corrections, Probation and Parole (2016)**
- **U.S. News and World Report: Aim4Peace Hospital Response Program in Partnership with Truman Medical Center**
- **Group Merit Award, MO Public Health Association (2015)**
- **Robert Wood Johnson: Culture of Health Prize Winner (2015)**

Hospital Presence



- **Research Medical Center**
- **Truman Medical Center**
 - **Evidence-based techniques**
 - **Providing services within "*the Golden Hour*"**

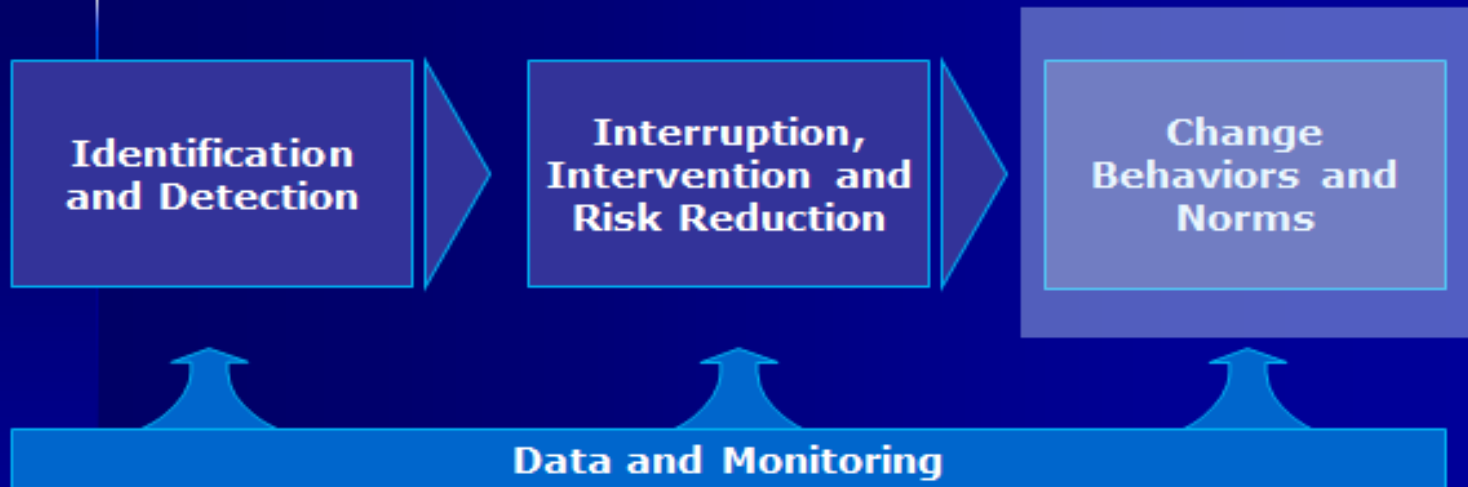
"Aim4Peace has become an integral component to our trauma service in reducing recidivism in the Kansas City area at a single level I trauma center despite an increasing overall violent crime rate."

Effect of Employing Community-Based Violence Prevention Programs on Recidivism Rates among Trauma Patients in a Kansas City, Missouri Trauma Center

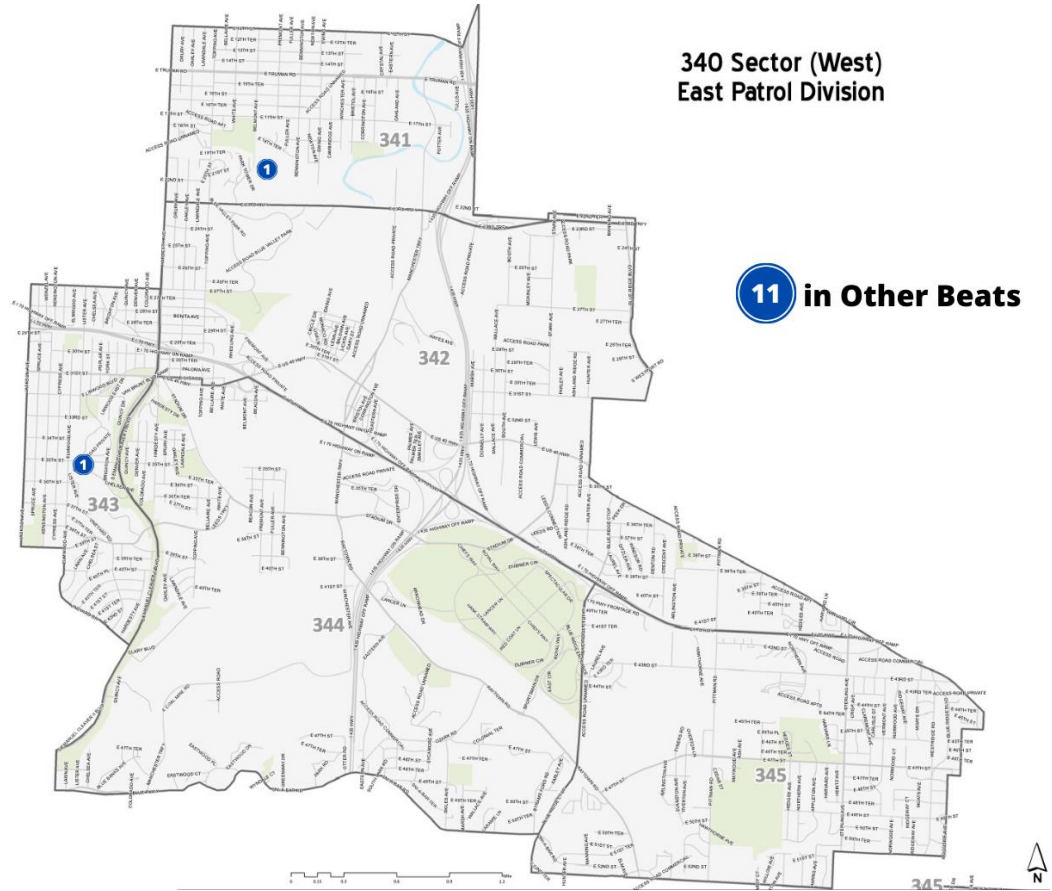
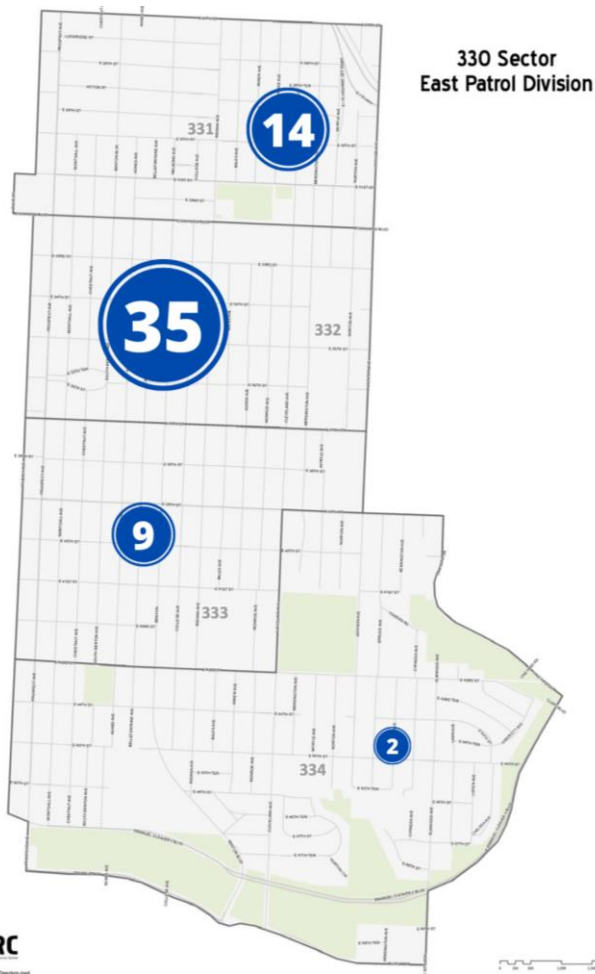
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How Are Epidemics Reversed?

The Cure Violence / Aim4Peace Model to Stop Shootings and Killings



Snapshot of Mediations

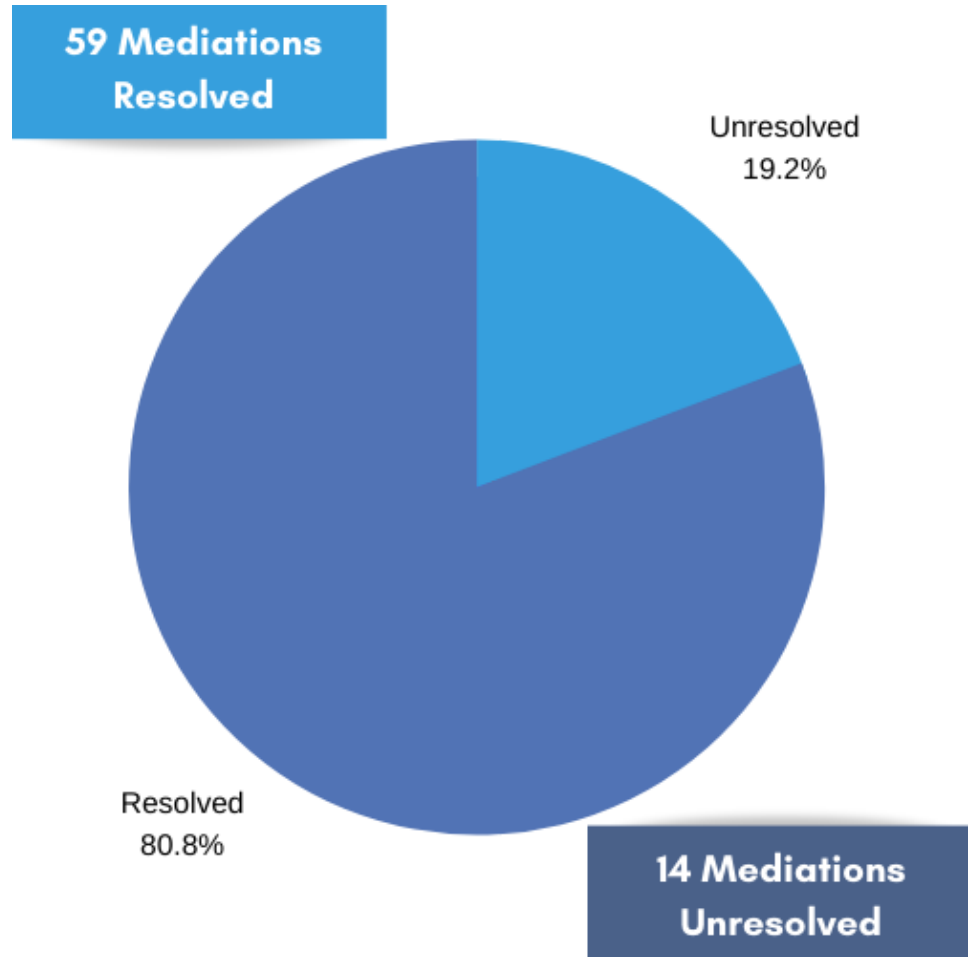


Mediations

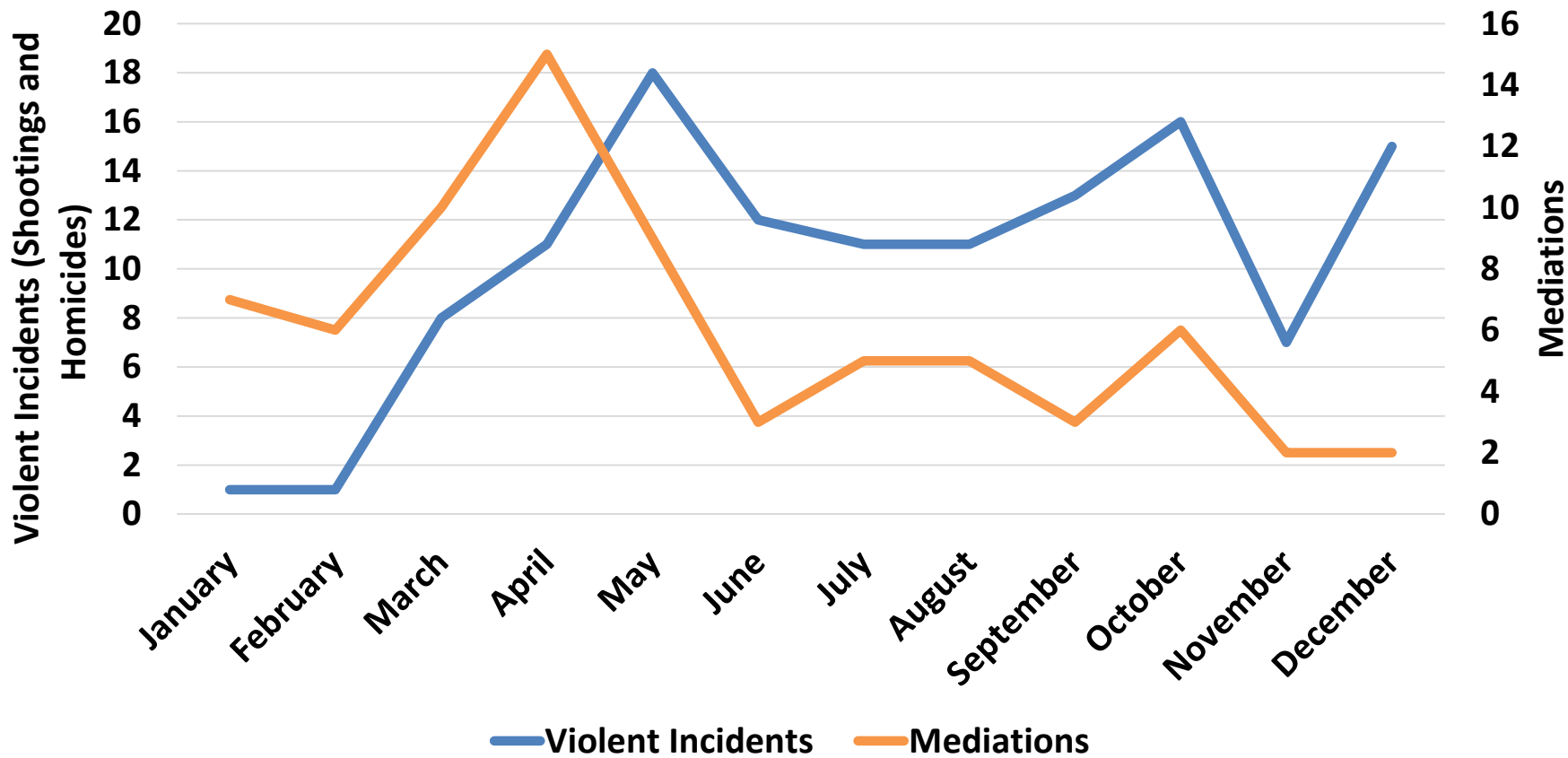
73 Total Mediations in 2019

59 Resolved

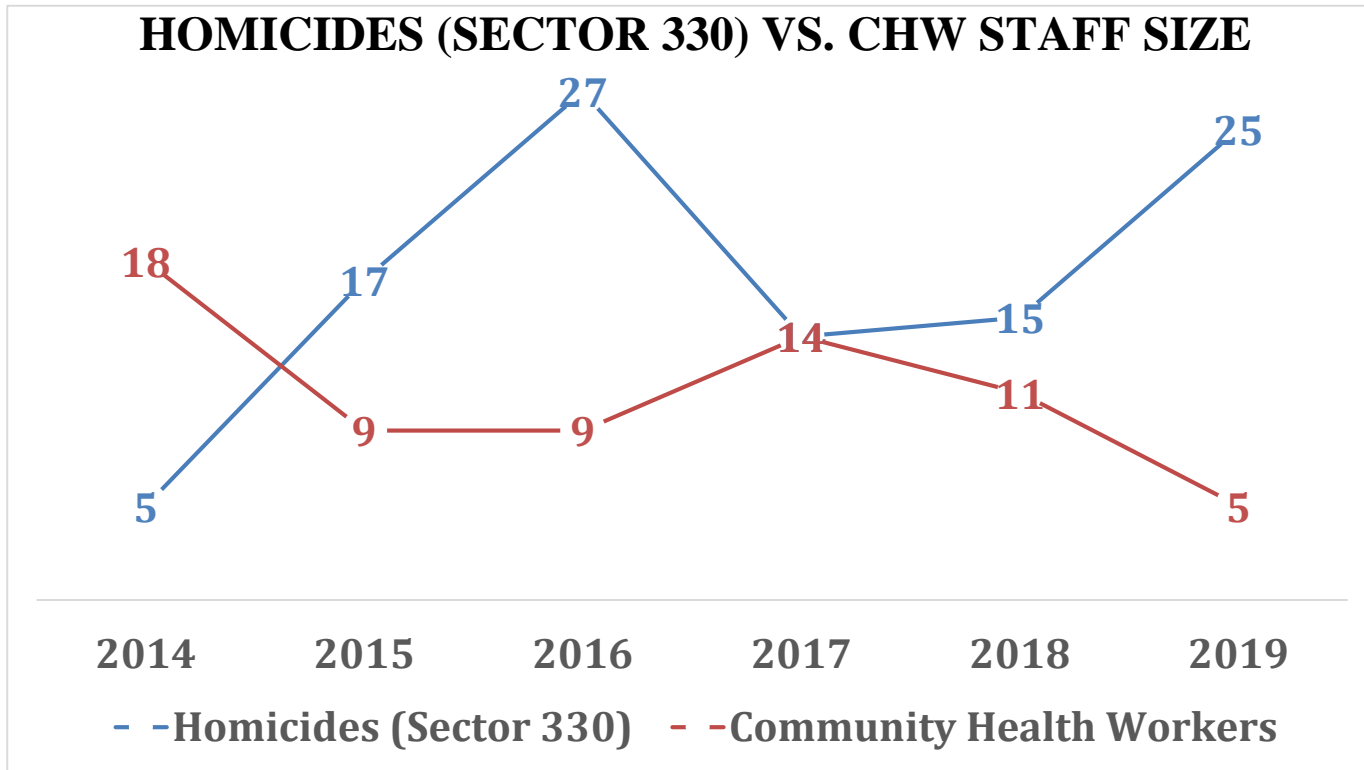
80% Resolved



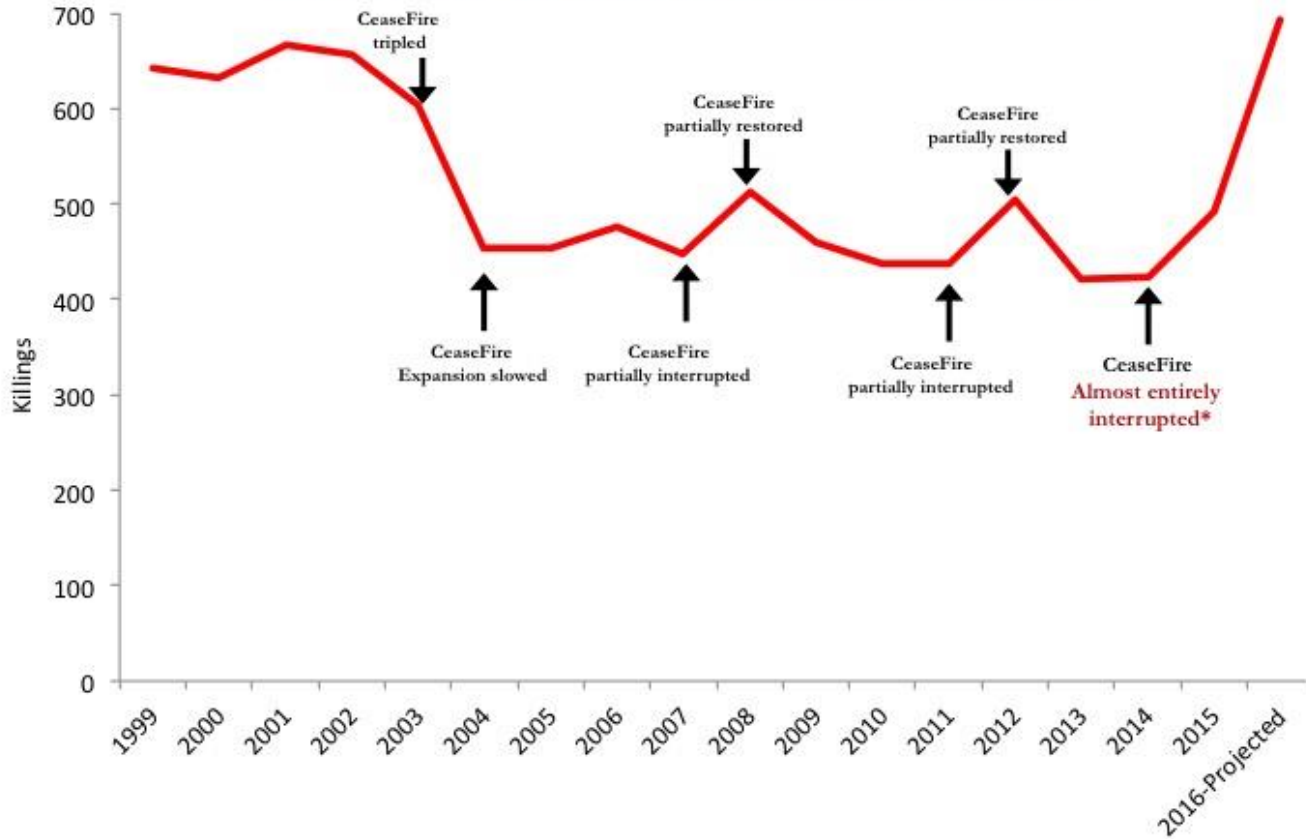
Mediation Impacts (2019)



Impact of Staffing



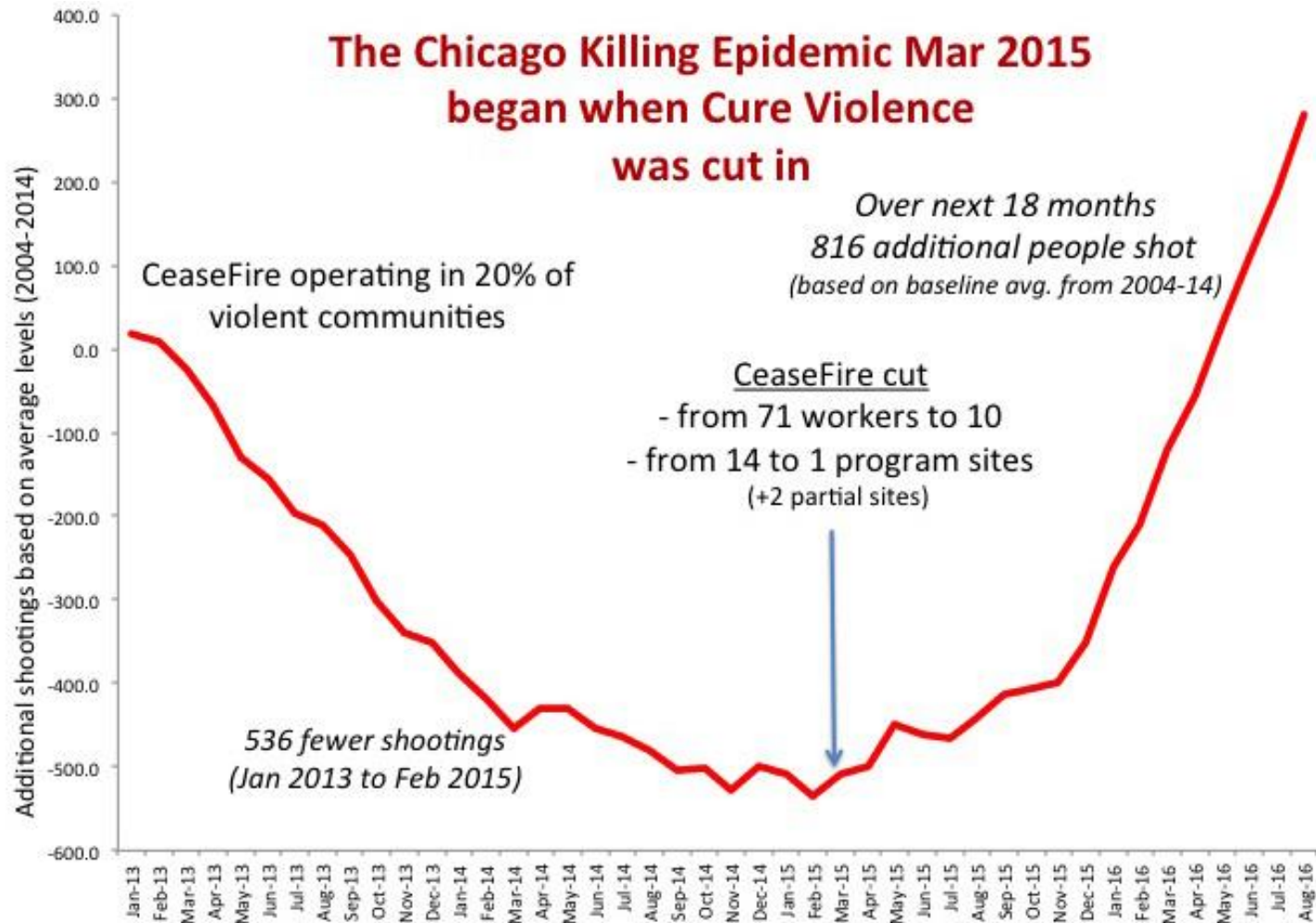
**Murders in Chicago go down every time Cure Violence (CeaseFire) is increased,
and murders go up every time Cure Violence is cut**



*Killings still going down in community not cut

Data: Official CPD

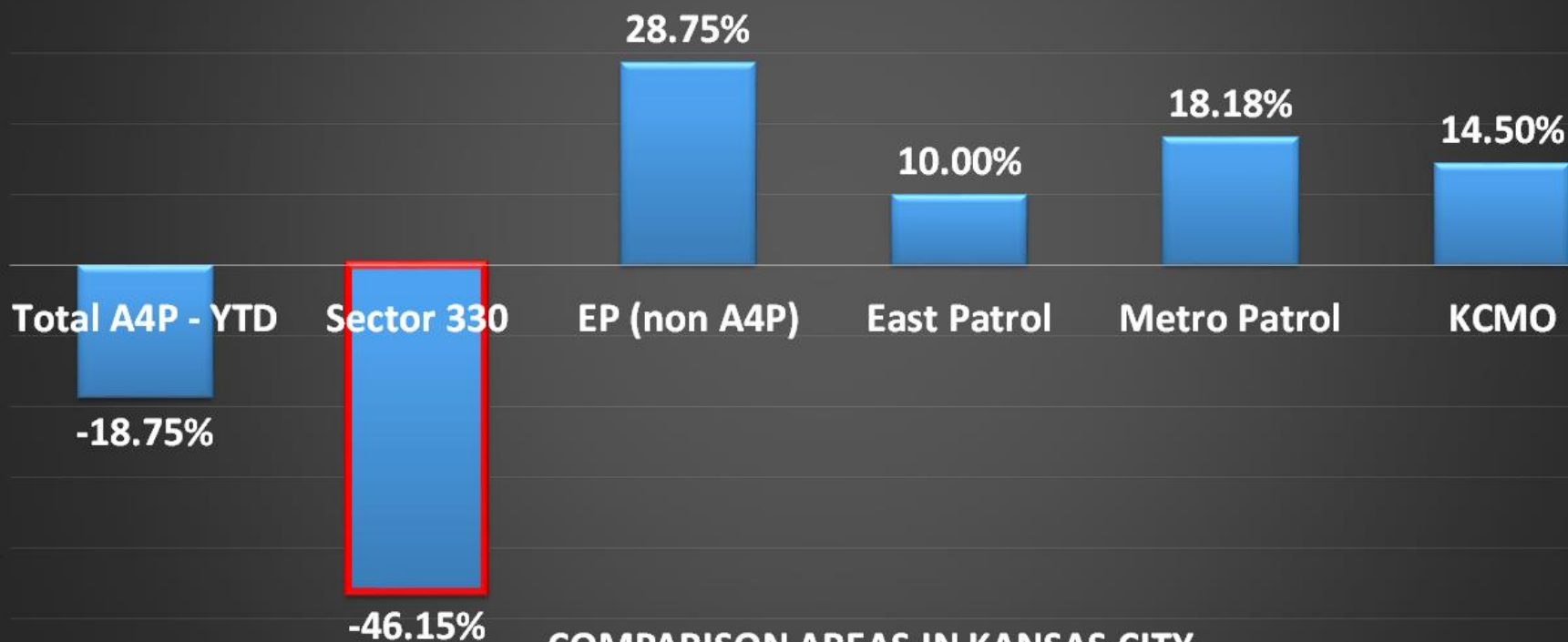
The Chicago Killing Epidemic Mar 2015 began when Cure Violence was cut in



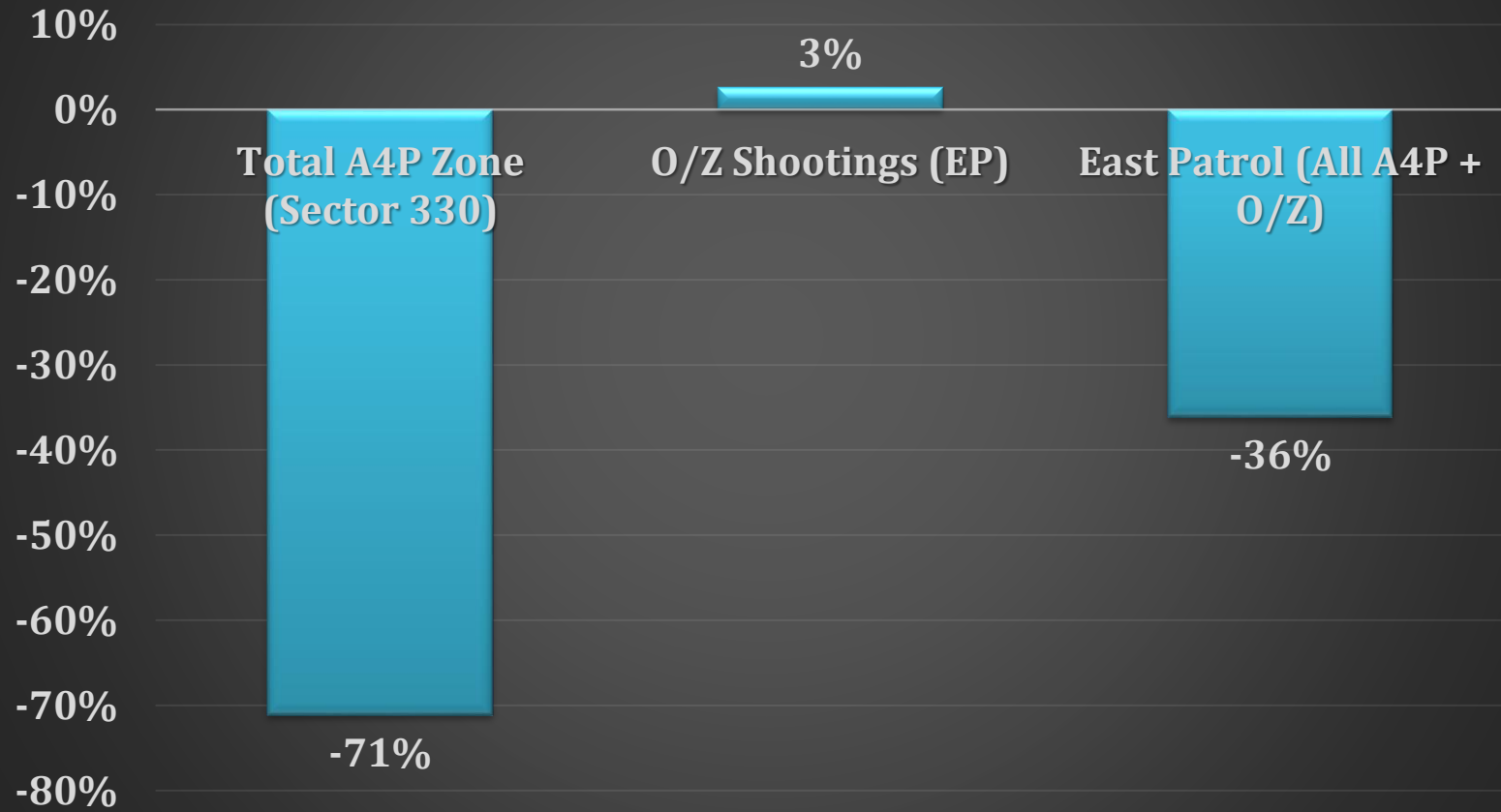
Data: Official Chicago Police Department data

Percent Changes in Homicides 2016 and 2017 Comparison

(YTD data reflects January 1st – December 31st)



Percent Change of Shootings in East Patrol (2018-2019 Comparison)



No intervention 3.87% (95% CI, 3.84, 3.90) victimization per year

Implementing the violence interrupter intervention,

Cure Violence/Aim4Peace/Public Health Approach, for ten years decreased victimization by 13% (to 3.35% [3.32, 3.39])

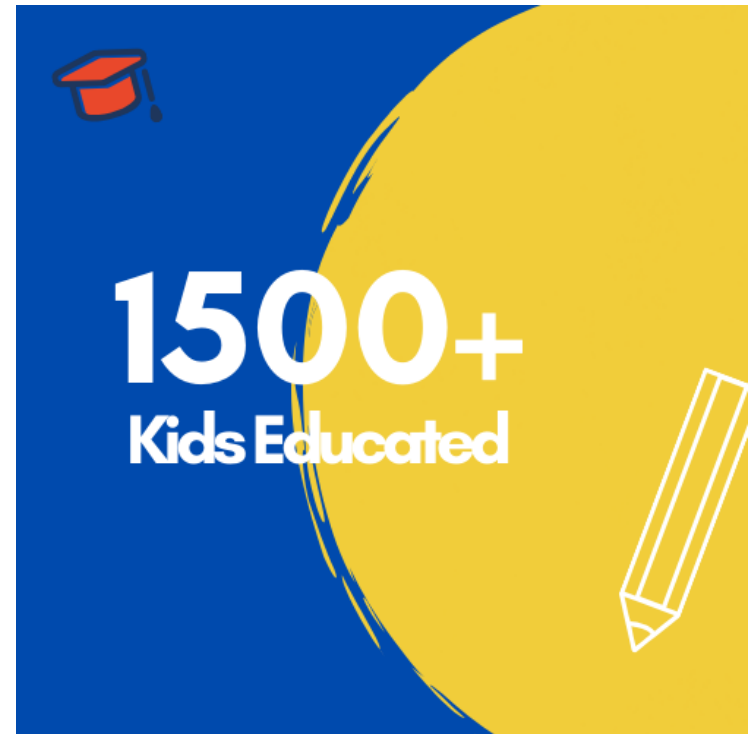
Hot-spots policing and doubling police force for ten years reduced annual victimization by about 11% (to 3.46, [3.42, 3.49])

Increasing police force by 40% combined with implementing the violence interrupter intervention for ten years decreased violence by 19% (to 3.13 [3.09, 3.16])

Conclusions: Combined investment in a public health, community based approach to violence prevention and a criminal justice approach focused on deterrence can achieve more to reduce population-level rates of urban violence than either can in isolation.

Community Engagement Unit

- **Provided mentorship**
- **Facilitation of Life Skills and Conflict Resolution for staff and students**
- **Facilitated 65 classes**
 - **Central Middle**
 - **Success Academy**
 - **Guadalupe Elementary**
 - **Foreign Language Academy**
 - **Alternative Resource Center**
- **Senior Community Health Workers**
 - **Provided 1-to-1 mentoring to 7 young male survivors**



Neighborhood Associations



- **Assisted in mobilizing community**
- **Coordinated clean-ups**
- **Implemented trauma informed cultures**
- **Planned activities and events for residents**

Neighborhood Associations

- **Vineyard Neighborhood Association**
- **Seven Oaks Neighborhood Association**
- **Blue Valley Neighborhood Association**
- **East 23rd Street PAC Neighborhood Association**
- **McCoy Neighborhood Association**
- **Independence Plaza Neighborhood Association**
- **Santa Fe Neighborhood Association**
- **South Roundtop Neighborhood Association**
- **Oak Park Neighborhood Association**
- **Washington Wheatley Neighborhood Association**

Community Service Partners

- **Second Chance**
- **Concerned Clergy Coalition**
- **Bishop Sullivan**
- **Catholic Charities**
- **Re-Start Inc.**
- **Save Inc.**
- **Jackson County Casa**
- **Jackson County Prosecutors**
- **Juvenile Detention Center**
- **Grandparents Against Gun Violence**
- **Moms Demand Action**
- **KC Public Library (Bluford)**
- **New Community Church**
- **Corey's Network**
- **Swope Park Health Center**
- **Violence I. Prevent**
- **Healing Pathway Victim Services**
- **Strategic Workforce Development**
- **Community Action Agency**
- **Housing Authority of Kansas City**
- **Health Commission's Violence Free KC Committee**

The Problem in Dollars & Cents

\$10 Million Problem

\$3.5 Million – Aim4Peace

\$6.5 Million – Community Programs

