

Connections between Community Violence & Domestic Violence: Strategies to foster Partnership & Understanding

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Presenters



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Chicago native, Tara Campbell, has centered her career around the nonprofit sector. Tara brings a body of work expanding over 20 years to her role as Resilience Program Manager. At ALSO she integrates local and national work, managing victim advocates and case managers. Holding a BA from Columbia College Chicago in Communication and an MS in NonProfit Management from Spertus Institute, Tara creates ways to infuse her formal education with her life experience. She is committed to enhancing the work of Outreach as a facilitator within the Metropolitan Peace Academy in partnership with ALSO through the Communities Partnering 4 Peace (CP4P). The Academy, convened by Metropolitan Family Services, is a framework that provides a comprehensive, long-term approach to reducing violence and gang activity. This work is rooted in nonviolence, trauma-informed care, hyper-local collaboration and restorative justice practices. Additionally, Tara co-facilitates a grief support group, Hope and Healing offered by Mothers OnA Mission 28 for survivors of crimes. Her personal mission is to assist others with resources and opportunities to perform at their highest potential.

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Zarena is the Training and Engagement Manager at ALSO. In this role, Zarena supports ALSO's overall technical assistance efforts by creating training content focusing on service provisions for underserved populations, engaging with key consultants for said trainings and supporting the programmatic and administrative activities for internal and external trainings at ALSO. She manages and facilitates internal training for new staff and partners increasing agency capacity and is involved in growing ALSO's niche area, the intersection between community violence and domestic violence. She is also a lead facilitator for ALSO's Your Life is my Life Bystander Intervention Training. Zarena believes in relationship building as the foundation of meaningful interactions and positive change. She asserts that when individuals are able to listen and connect on deeper levels with a variety of people, healing occurs.

Learning Objectives

- Learn about intersection of community violence and IPV
- Learn how to identify and work with high risk individuals
- Learn strategies to work effectively with community partners

Welcome

Participant Introductions & Icebreaker

- Name
- Agency
- Location

Reflection Question

How can we end domestic violence without thinking about other forms of violence?

ALSO's Mission

ALSO works **in partnership** with people living in risk of violence to promote safer streets and homes.

Our Approach

- **Build alliances**
- **Share knowledge** about promising practices
- **Develop, promote and implement** model policies and programs
- **Vision:** Safe Homes, Safe Streets

Addressing Intersections: Case Review

- The slap that went unaddressed: 2 Women Killed in Humboldt Park Car Ramming
 - Content warning: Details of CV & IPV
- The following case is an example of what ALSO calls: **RED FLAG RELATIONSHIPS**
- Breaking down Red Flag Relationships : “Red flag” relationships involve high risk individuals who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - Person of position of influence is involved.
 - Dating scenario in which a family member or ex-significant other is threatening/fighting a new significant other from opposing street organization (or even from the same street organization sometimes referred to as “interpersonal conflict”).
 - Intimate partner violence is present or threatened.

2 Women Killed In Humboldt Park Crash

CHICAGO (Sun-Times Media Wire) — May 4, 2009 8:45 am

Two women were killed and two other people were critically injured during a Sunday morning pin-in crash in the West Side's Humboldt Park neighborhood.

Emergency crews responded to a rollover crash in the 1000 block of North Kedzie Avenue about 6 a.m. and immediately initiated an EMS Plan 1 response, which automatically sends five ambulances to the scene, Fire Media Affairs Chief Kevin MacGregor said.

Four women were inside a vehicle that crashed into several other vehicles before crashing into a tree, police News Affairs Officer Laura Kubiak said.

Two women were killed in the crash and two others were critically injured. One person was taken to Mount Sinai Hospital and another to John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County, MacGregor said.

Jane Doe, 19, of an unknown home address., was pronounced dead at Norwegian-American Hospital at 6:38 a.m., according to the Cook County Medical Examiner's office. Doe was a passenger in the vehicle.

The driver, Patty Smith, 22, of an unknown home address, was also pronounced dead at Norwegian-American at 6:38 a.m.

The crash investigation was handed over to Harrison Area detectives Sunday, according to police News Affairs Officer JoAnn Taylor, who said few details about the crash were available.

According to a police source, detectives have "several leads" in the incident but no one in custody.

"They are still piecing it together and haven't determined the source or reason for the crash," the source said.

Key Question(s) To Consider

In this scenario, who might be served by your agency?

Who might your agency not serve?

Why?

Assessing Risk

“At-Risk” vs. “*In*-Risk”

At-Risk

factors are present that
may negatively impact
an individual

In-Risk

Risk factors have
already resulted in
negative impacts and
consequences

Context of Community Violence

Street organizations in Chicago are pervasive

- Don't need to be a member to be affiliated
- Not everyone can travel everywhere
- Staff or partners with lived experience can make great inroads with in-risk clients

Violence Risk Factors

Community

- Access to weapons
- Gang associations
- Leadership/shooter role in gangs
- Prior DV allegations/history
- Depression
- Violence M.O.
- On parole/probation
- between the ages of 16 and 25
- Quick to anger

- *Cure Violence Participants Risk Factors, Other Sources*

Domestic

- Past assault of family members/friends
- Victim/witness to DV in childhood history
- Anger, impulsivity and instability disorders
- Recent suicidal/homicidal comments
- Drug/alcohol use/abuse
- Recent relationship problems
- Recent employment problems
- Past violations of conditional release
- Past assault of acquaintances/strangers

○ *General Violence Risk Factors, Spousal Assault Risk Assessment Guide*

Understanding the Connections: Red Flag Relationships

High-risk intimate partner relationship, whether or not IPV committed by a partner. Red-flag relationships have been linked with community violence.

Red Flag Relationship Factors:

- A person is involved who is in a position of influence (e.g., high-ranking gang member; gun or drug supplier);
- There is a dating or relationship scenario in which a family member of an intimate partner (i.e., boyfriend) is threatening or fighting a new intimate partner from an opposing gang or the same gang; or
- Intimate partner violence is present or threatened.

Understanding the Streets

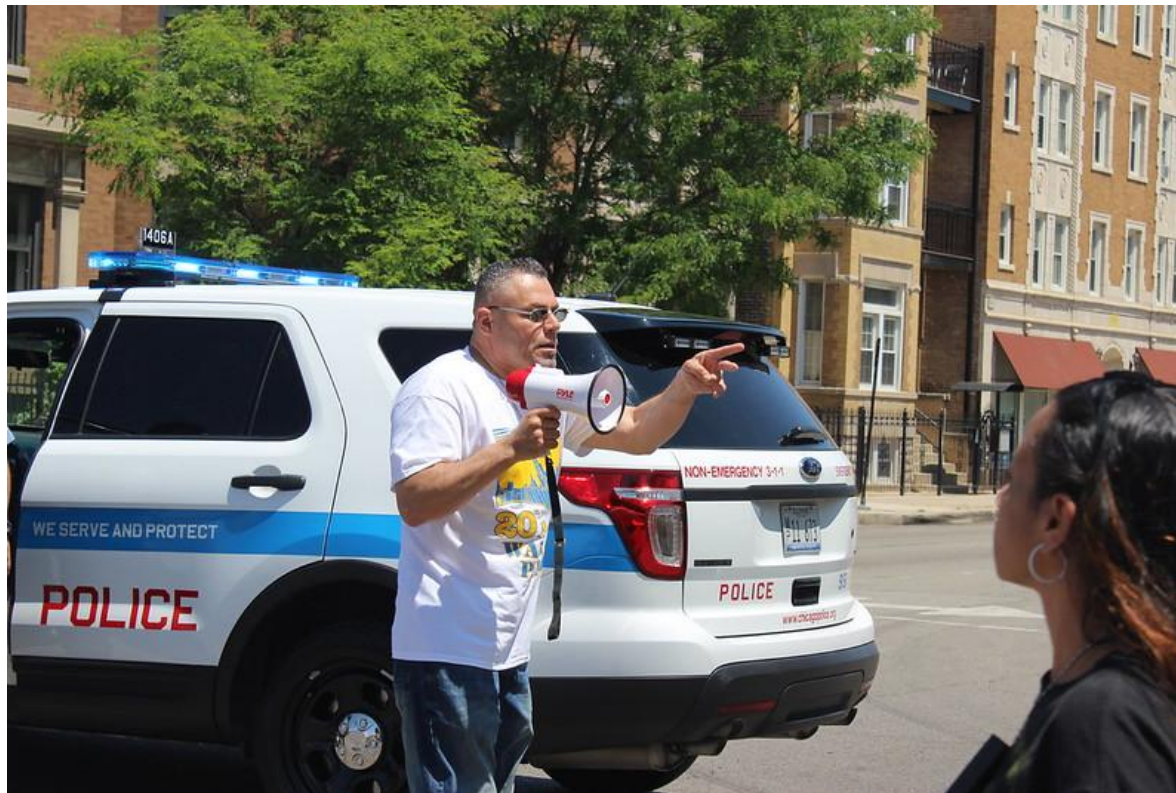
How would you expand your client base to include more people affiliated with street life who have been justice involved?

What barriers do you experience in connecting to people affiliated with street life, if any?

What do you need to reach more people living in-risk of violence?

Special Mentions

Professional Understanding with Law Enforcement



Exposure to Multiple Forms of Violence

Multi-victimization Services Project

Project Goal: To provide outreach and comprehensive services to high-risk, street-affiliated women in Humboldt Park who have experienced multiple victimizations and who do not typically seek services to fill an important gap in service delivery in our community.

Creating the Partnership w/ CAWC

1. Historical Relationship
2. Relationship Building



MVP Project

1. ***Information and Referral:***
2. ***Personal Advocacy & Accompaniment:***
3. ***Emotional support and/or Safety Services:***
4. ***Shelter/housing:***
5. ***Civil Legal Assistance:***



Questions to Consider

1. How do you identify and address the needs of clients who are living in risk of community violence and IPV?
2. What capacities do you need to build (internal and external)?
3. What next steps can you take in expanding your reach to in-risk clients?



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