

Minneapolis Youth Violence Prevention A Public Health Approach

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The Blueprint for Action to Prevent Youth Violence

The Minneapolis Blueprint for Action to Prevent Youth Violence was commissioned by the City Council in 2008.

The Health Department leads and coordinates citywide efforts to implement the Blueprint using a public health approach to reduce and prevent youth violence.

Activities focus on:

- planning and service coordination with jurisdictional partners
- technical assistance to community-based agencies
- data analysis and new program development to address service gaps

Our Public Health Approach

A public health approach

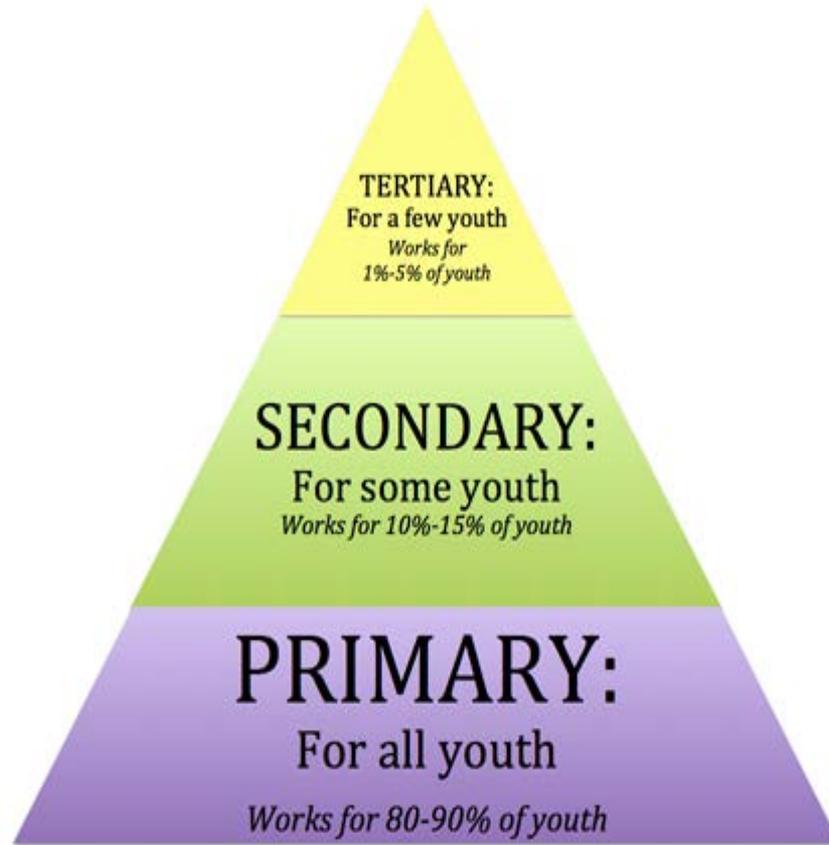
- identifies the issue using epidemiologic methods
- defines risk factors and protective factors
- develops interventions
- implements intervention
- evaluates those interventions
- interventions are multi-tiered but ultimately have a population or community base

Five Blueprint Goal Areas

The Blueprint for Action to Prevent Youth Violence operates with five goal areas:

- Foster violence-free social environments
- Promote positive opportunities and connections to trusted adults for all youth
- Intervene with youth & families at the first sign of risk
- Restore youth who have gone down the wrong path
- Protect children and youth from violence in the community

Prevention Pyramid



Public Health and National Forum Alignment

National Forum-Prevention

Public Health-Primary Prevention

Goal-Foster violence-free social
environments

Goal 1 Example-Pop up Parks



Public Health and National Forum Alignment

National Forum- Prevention

Public Health- Primary Prevention

Goal Two- Promote positive
opportunities and connections to
trusted adults for all youth

Example of Goal Two Police and Youth Dialogues



Public Health and National Forum Alignment

National Forum- Intervention

Public Health - Secondary Prevention

Goal 3- Intervene with youth and
families at the first sign of risk

Goal 3 Example

- Inspiring Youth Case Management Services
- Juvenile Supervision Center



Public Health and National Forum Alignment

National Forum- Re-entry

Public Health – Tertiary Prevention

Goal- Restore youth who have gone
down the wrong path

Example of Goal 4 - BUILD Leaders



Public Health and National Forum Alignment

National Forum- Enforcement

Public Health – Tertiary Prevention

Goal- Protect children and youth from
violence in the community

Example of Goal 5

Promote positive contacts between youth/the community and police

Ensure a timely coordinated response to youth crime

Decrease youth access to guns