

Violence Prevention Service Models Report

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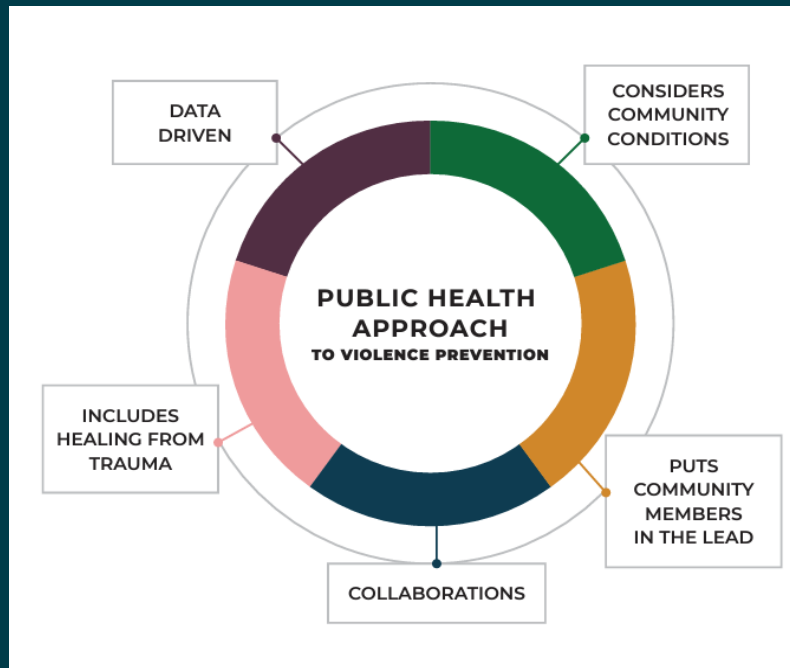
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1. Background

Project History

- ▶ May 2022: City Council accepts report by the Reimagining Public Safety Community Advisory Committee
- ▶ Early 2023: Staff met with the Racial Equity Action Leadership (REAL) Coalition to prioritize implementation of the Committee's recommendations.
- ▶ May 2023: Staff brought forward a work plan for advancing the Committee's recommendations. (Also went to City Council in August 2023.)

Violence Prevention



The term “violence prevention” describes a strategy of engaging with community stakeholders to curb, prevent, and stop the spread of violence.

Project Objectives and Methodology

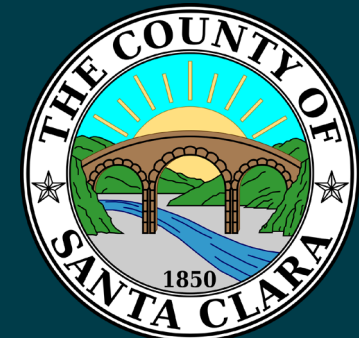
Objectives

- Examine the violence prevention efforts in other jurisdictions to identify any emerging fields, notable programs, or strategies that might be of value to the City of San José.
- Examine San José's current approach to violence prevention in a benchmarking exercise with other jurisdictions.

Methodology

- A literature review was conducted to identify academic research and case studies on the efficacy of programs.
- Interviews were conducted with city and county violence prevention teams around the country.

Jurisdictions Interviewed



2. Current Programs

Our Current Programs/Strategies

Youth Intervention and Neighborhood Services

Project Hope

Trauma to Triumph

Clean Slate
Tattoo Removal

Late Night Gym

Female Intervention Team

Safe School Campus Initiative Program

Digital Arts Program

San José Works

BEST

Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together (BEST)

Safe Summer Initiative Grant (SSIG)

Other City Services

- PRNS and Library recreational and educational programs
- Viva Parks
- Graffiti removal, Beautify SJ
- SJPd Crime Prevention
- Other efforts aimed at building strong, healthy communities

3. Common Types of Violence Intervention Programs

Program Types - Overview



Violence Intervention

Teams are often composed of individuals with lived experience. Programs are designed to directly engage with the community, resolve disputes, build relations, and broker peace. Teams often operate in priority neighborhoods, schools, and hospitals.



Employment Programs

Offices of violence prevention often support communities with employment programs to offer those at most risk of experiencing violence economic opportunities.



Case Management

Case management services are intended to provide support for vulnerable individuals by helping them find employment, aiding their personal development and connecting them with relevant services.



Community Organizing

Offices of violence prevention often pursue programs meant to organize neighborhoods to build community norms against violence. These efforts can include activating public spaces with community activities as well as traditional community organizing activities.



Youth Enrichment

Youth Enrichment programs seek to alter the trajectory of those most at risk of experiencing violence. Programs are typically focused on teenagers and often take the form of extracurricular activities such as music programs, art programs, sports programs, community service programs, or other supervised activities

Program Types – Overview Continued



Gun Violence

Some offices of violence prevention offer gun buyback programs, or "zero-questions-asked" gun collection programs. Jurisdictions often partner with nonprofits to provide gun safety education and to publicize the availability of gun violence restraining orders.



Gender Based Violence

Some jurisdictions have dedicated programs to address gender-based and domestic violence. Examples include domestic violence hotlines, case management services, temporary emergency shelters, housing solutions, advocates responding to a domestic violence call with sworn officers, and healthy relationship education in schools



Policy Work

Jurisdictions also have teams or individuals located in their offices of violence prevention tasked with the role of conducting policy work or evaluating systems. Jurisdictions also use their resources to advocate on the local, state, and federal level for policies that may have a positive effect on their communities.

Findings 1-3

Finding 1

- San José currently implements a robust set of violence prevention strategies, which include the most common and well-studied violence prevention approaches found in other jurisdictions.

Finding 2

- Violence prevention offices in other jurisdictions are typically focused on program implementation and direct service delivery, but there are examples of offices that put a greater focus on policy work and systems change.

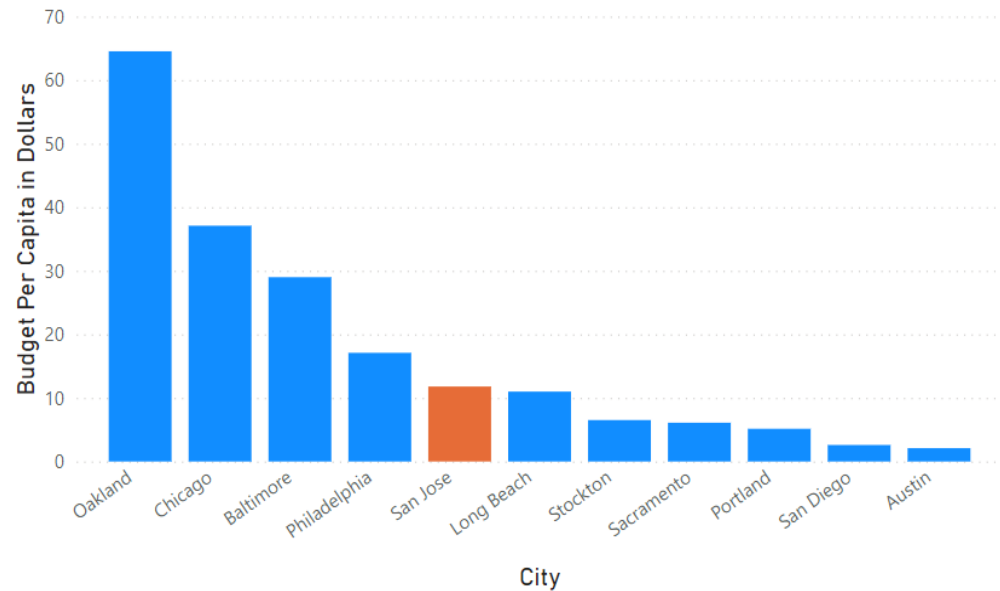
Finding 3

- Domestic violence prevention programs and gun safety programs are not as common as other violence prevention approaches across the jurisdictions interviewed, but are emerging areas of interest for violence prevention work.

4. Budget and Organization

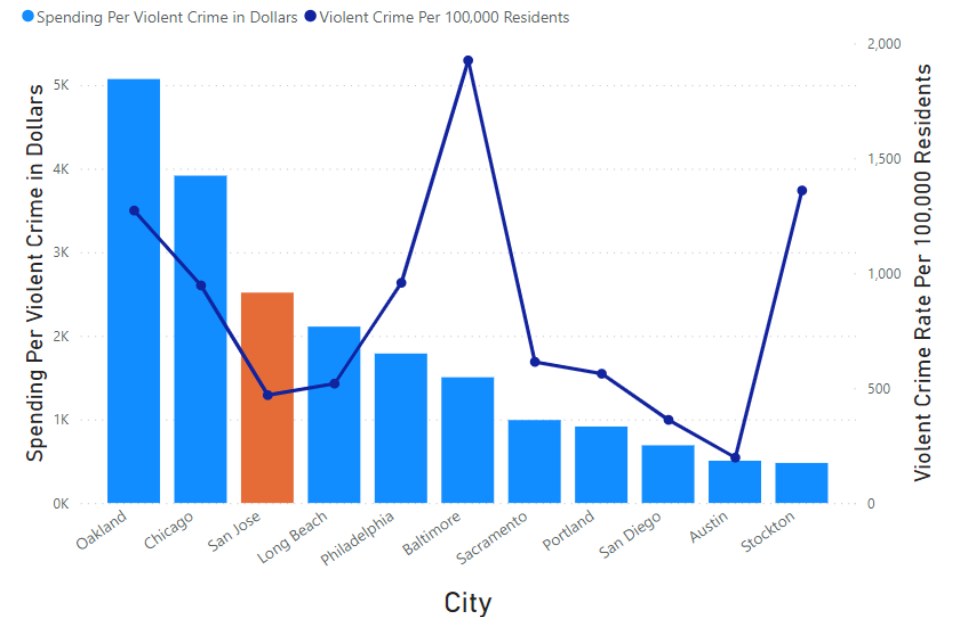
Bar graph of 2023/24 Budget Per Capita

Budget Per Capita by City



Bar graph of 2023/24 Budget by Violent Crimes via UCR (2019)

Spending Per Violent Crime and Violent Crime Rate



Findings 4 and 5

Finding 4:

- Offices of violence prevention are located within a wide variety of different locations within their respective organizations.

Finding 5

- Most jurisdictions use a combination of in-house and contracted services. Of the jurisdictions interviewed, San José has the highest number of in-house staff.

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Recommendation:

Accept the report on violence prevention service models employed by other local government agencies.