Building Evidence for Gun Violence Prevention

From 2021-2026, the Michigan Youth Violence Prevention Center will implement two research strategies to advance youth firearm injury prevention in three communities at heightened risk for gun violence, Muskegon, MI, Grand Rapids, MI & Washington D.C. The Michigan Youth Violence Prevention Center (MI-YVPC) is a partnership between the University of Michigan School of Public Health, Michigan Medicine, and community-based organizations.

Research Strategies

Multi-Site Implementation Trial of SafERteens

- Implement SafERteens, an evidence-based practice for youth violence prevention, in health care settings in Muskegon and Grand Rapids, MI.
- Test healthcare provider engagement strategies to encourage sustained implementation of SafERteens.
- Examine SafERteens’ effects on youth firearm violence at the community level.

Addressing Root Causes for Gun Violence Prevention (ARC-GVP)

- Document and evaluate community-level prevention programs to build the evidence-base for youth gun violence prevention.
- Bring youth from Muskegon, MI and Washington DC together in learning exchanges to plan collaborative prevention campaigns.

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