

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO MAKE A START IN YOUR CHURCH?

Institute Key Components of Violence Prevention Programmes using The Public Health Approach

1. *Define the problem.* Understand the numbers and demography (e.g. affected groups: age cohort, gender), especially in relation to communities served by the church.
2. Identify the *risks and protective factors.*
3. *Test interventions*
 - Projects properly designed, implemented and evaluated.
4. *Apply the interventions* widely.

THE CHURCHES VIOLENCE PREVENTION NETWORK

Goal

The **goal** of the Network is that *by mutual support* member churches will promote *more effective peacemaking and violence reduction* in their related communities.

History

The Churches' Violence Prevention Network was organised in December 2005 out of a need for the Church to be more engaged within communities towards violence prevention through *joint action*. It is supported by the WPRC and the Ministry of Health.

Any church can become a member of the Network by contacting Whole Person Resource Centre (WPRC) through their Secretariat at 8 Durham Avenue, Kingston 6, telephone 702-2898 or by email at wprc@cwjamaica.com. Mrs. Metz is the contact person.

Whole Person Resource Centre is a Christian Ministry seeking to equip churches and institutions, through capacity building to become instruments of the Whole Person Health and Development of individuals, families and communities.

WHAT EVERY CHURCH CAN DO FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION:

WHAT GOALS OR OUTCOMES ARE NECESSARY?

The **expected outcomes** would include:

- i. *Less abuse and neglect* of children, youth and women.
- ii. Increased *wholistic life skills and resiliency building* of children and youth.
- iii. *More effective family living and parenting* for harmony and the effective socialisation of children.
- iv. *Increased wholistic health and community development*, that is:
 - a). *physical, mental and spiritual fitness and harmonious relationships,*
 - b). *safety and access to education and economic well-being and environmental safety.*
- v. More effective community *peacemaking efforts* including conflict management, dispute resolution, trauma management, forgiveness and reconciliation.

HOW COULD THESE BE ACHIEVED?

Every church can have activities with a whole person scope: spiritual, emotional, physical and socio-economic
These services can serve to achieve:

- a. promoting non-violence
- b. preventing violence in vulnerable populations
- c. trauma management
- d. perpetrator and victim rehabilitation

Churches have a most critical role!

It is by Churches working together under God and working with all the people that Jamaica can be saved!

VIOLENCE PREVENTION IN THE COMMUNITY

A Wholistic Framework of Activities

<u>AREA'S OF SERVICE</u>	<u>LEVELS OF PREVENTION</u>			
	<u>PROMOTING NON-VIOLENCE</u>	<u>PREVENTING VIOLENCE IN VULNERABLE POPULATIONS</u>	<u>TRAUMA MANAGEMENT</u>	<u>PERPETRATOR AND VICTIM REHABILITATION</u>
SPIRITUAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community evangelism, ▪ Prayer partners & groups, ▪ Healing Sundays, ▪ Energising and retaining young male members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ministry in counselling, ▪ Prayer house groups, ▪ Ministry to high-risk person & communities. 	Visitations, pastoral care, intercessory prayer groups, healing prayer in regular worship.	Ministry to perpetrators and victims.
EMOTIONAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Family life promotion, ▪ Parenting skills, ▪ Social & conflict resolution skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mentoring, ▪ Call-in services, ▪ Anger management skills, ▪ Drug programmes. 	Crisis counselling, family interventions.	Victim support, perpetrator rehabilitation.
PHYSICAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fitness programmes, ▪ Sports, ▪ Health habits promotion, ▪ Health fairs, ▪ Green spaces. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ADHD screening, ▪ Abuse screening, ▪ Maternal & child health. 	First Aid & trauma care support, home health care.	Special care ministry for disabled victims.
SOCIO-ECONOMIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advocacy for better services ▪ Using music, arts, for public awareness; ▪ Education (e.g. schools, literacy, homework centres); ▪ Youth development; ▪ Skills training; ▪ Community organisation, ▪ Economic projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Peace building, home visiting, social problem solving. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social casework ▪ Referral. 	Forgiveness and reconciliation process.

More detailed information and literature resources are available from:

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| ✓ Whole Person Resource Cent | ✓ Violence Prevention Alliance |
| ✓ The Ministry of Health | ✓ Bureau of Women's Affairs |
| ✓ Dispute Resolution Foundatic | ✓ P. A. L. S. Jamaica |
| ✓ Victim Support Unit | ✓ Jamaicans for Justice |