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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SITES

Robeson County FY19—Developing a Project Logic Model

Since June 2020, the Robeson County Innovations in Community-Based Crime Reduction (CBCR) grantee, the North Carolina Youth Violence Prevention Center (NC-YVPC), has convened regular meetings with their Cross-Sector Partnership team. This group includes the Robeson County Health Department, Robeson County Sheriff’s Office, Lumberton Police Department, Rape Crisis Center, University of North Carolina—Pembroke, District Court, and Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. During these meetings partners share their anecdotal knowledge of crime trends, consider crime data, and collaborate to develop a project logic model. The logic model aims to identify underlying crime drivers and guide strategy selection for the site’s Action Plan.

Through these efforts, the Robeson County CBCR team identified family offenses and drug offenses as significant risk factors for other criminal behavior. Further, the partnership identified a need for conflict resolution and mediation programming. Based on the logic model’s findings, NC-YVPC utilized crimesolutions.gov to develop a list of strategies to combat the identified crime drivers. NC-YVPC continues to build out the list and review identified strategies with the project’s Cross-Sector Partnership team to develop the project’s Action Plan.

Cincinnati FY18—Launching and Developing Sustainability for CBCR Crosswalk Project

The Cincinnati Police Department identified speeding as a significant problem in the CBCR project’s target area, East Price Hill. On Warsaw Avenue alone, fourteen pedestrians were struck by motor vehicles in the past two years. In response, the Cincinnati CBCR project’s Place-based Investigations of Violent Offender Territories (PIVOT) team launched a crosswalk flag project to promote traffic safety. As of August 10, 2020,
sets of containers holding bright orange flags dot both Warsaw Avenue and Glenway Avenue. An additional twenty sets of crosswalk flag containers will be installed in September, before schools start.

When a pedestrian wants to cross the street, they can grab one of the flags and hold it in the air to increase their visibility to oncoming traffic. Once the pedestrian successfully crosses the street, they can deposit the flag in another container for future use.

The PIVOT team successfully secured sustainability partners for the crosswalk project. A community group Price Hill Will, and two Scout Groups (Boys & Girls) from local neighborhood schools are willing to maintain and monitor the crosswalk flag sets. Moving forward, the cost of maintaining and replacing lost or stolen flags will fall upon these three partners.

This project has garnered support from the community and attention from news media. Click here to read a recent news article written about the project.

IN THE NEWS

“Courageous Conversations” Address Racism, Police [Positive Systems Change] in Blake Shooting
Kenosha’s Coalition for Dismantling Racism convened a virtual “courageous conversation,” which “took the temperature of the community since the August 23 police shooting of Jacob Blake.” This meeting allowed residents to share their views on the incident and what can be done to prevent future shootings of this nature from happening.

New Milwaukee Chief Launches Police Community Effort
Milwaukee’s new acting police chief, Michael Brunson Sr., recently unveiled a new initiative to improve community-police relations called the ReWaukee Project. The department will host several listening sessions with community members, facilitated by a Milwaukee-based non-profit and documented by a consultant, who will write a final report for the public.

Police Accountability Panel Sets Public Listening Sessions
A new task force, created to improve policing practices in Connecticut, is holding eight virtual listening sessions in September to better understand the general public’s wants and needs related to positive systems change. The scope of the state’s Police Transparency and Accountability Task Force includes examining the execution of “no knock” warrants, determining how to increase the hiring and upward mobility of minority officers, and considering “whether to limit when police can stop motorists...and whether to mandate the revocation of officers’ start certifications.”

On the Corner with the Anti-Violence Crews Trying to Stem the Rise in Shootings
This article reviews the development of Street Corner Resources, a community group set up in New York City by activist Iesha Sekou to prevent community violence. To embed herself in the community and develop relationships with residents, Sekou began visiting hot spots, spreading a message of non-violence.
Police Organizations, Faith Groups Partner to Rebuild Trust with National Faith and Blue Weekend

A coalition of law enforcement organizations, including the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), announced the launch of the National Faith and Blue Weekend. This event, which is to be held nationwide October 9-12, aims to connect law enforcement with members of faith-based communities. Law enforcement will partner with local faith-based groups to develop activities such as “town halls, unity walks, vigils, and athletic competitions designed to ‘foster an environment of problem-solving, resolution and reconciliation.’”

Should Police be in Schools? How Arrests in Philadelphia’s School District Dropped by 84 [Percent] in 5 Years

This article explores a school-based diversion program, developed by school safety chief and former Philadelphia Police Deputy Commissioner Kevin Bethel. Rather than arrest students for minor offenses, this program offers students support from social workers. Through these efforts, from 2014 to 2019, the number of students arrested for crimes committed at Philadelphia schools has decreased by 84 percent.

Virginia Democrats Advance Measures Tightening Thresholds for Traffic Stops

Virginia lawmakers are considering new legislation that would prohibit law enforcement from stopping motorists for “minor infractions related to the condition of their cars.” These measures aim to halt practices that have historically disproportionately impacted minorities.

Chicago Police Hire First Official Focused on Disability Law

The Chicago Police Department hired its first official to help oversee the agency’s compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Deborah Pascua, a 27-year veteran of the Chicago Police Department, will be charged with overseeing the agency’s policies, procedures, and disability law training program.

Virginia Senate Approves Police Reform Legislation

Virginia’s Senate passed a new bill, including measures that “prohibit the use of chokeholds, restricts no-knock search warrants, and expand the grounds to decertify law enforcement officials who commit misconduct.” Additionally, officers will no longer be allowed to fire at moving vehicles and must give a warning before firing their gun.

In Denver, This Program Helps Reroute 911 Calls to Police Alternatives

In this interview, Vince Cervantes, organizing director of the Denver Alliance for Street Response, discussed “a program [in Denver] that diverts some 911 calls to paramedics and mental health experts rather than police.” By responding to calls for service related to homelessness, or at-risk youth, this program allows officers to focus on responding to violent crime.
Department of Justice Announces Funding to Promote Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness
The Department of Justice announced its Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) is releasing $4.5 million of grant funding for the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Program. This program aims to “improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement through training and technical assistance, demonstration projects, implementation of promising practices related to peer mentoring mental health and wellness, and suicide prevention programs.”

Willis Young Award: Nominations Open
The nomination period for the Health Alliance for Violence Intervention (HAVI) Willis Young Award is now open. This award is meant to recognize “an outstanding frontline violence intervention worker who has demonstrated extraordinary commitment and passion for violence prevention work.” For more information, or to submit a nomination, click here.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The International Association of Crime Analysts 2020 Virtual Conference
Date: August 5-October 29, 2020
This year’s free International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA) Conference will be held on a virtual platform, and participants can sign up for individual sessions held between August 5, 2020 and October 29, 2020. Classes range from “Social Network Analysis (SNA) for Beginners” to “GeoTime by Uncharted Software: Working with Multiple Suspects and Burner Phone Records.” Registration is limited to 500 attendees per session. For a complete list of presentations, or to register for one of the courses, click here.

Police Resilience Symposium
Date: September 22-24, 2020
During this three-day symposium, co-hosted by the New York City Police Department and the Columbia University Medical Center’s New York State Psychiatric Institute, academics, police leaders, and practitioners will share “resilience and positive mental health practices, programs, and research.” This virtual symposium will include over 40 speakers, six plenary sessions, and nine panel sessions. Click here to register.

Virtual IACP 2020 Annual Conference
Date: October 21-23, 2020
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the IACP is moving its Annual Conference from an in-person meeting to an online training event and expo. The virtual conference will include 150 educational workshops, and attendees will hear from subject matter experts, police leaders, and keynote speakers. The event will also have a virtual exhibit hall where attendees can speak with vendors and sponsors. Click here to register.
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2020 National Conference on Juvenile Justice
Date: November 8-11, 2020
The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges will convene its 2020 National Conference on Juvenile Justice in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This event provides a “vital and important educational opportunity for judges, probation officers, detention facility employees, and other stakeholders in the juvenile justice system.” Featured topics include, but are not limited to, alternatives to detention, teen dating violence, domestic sex trafficking of minors, mental health, LGBTQ issues in the juvenile justice system, and racial and ethnic disparities. Click here to register.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

Date: September 17, 2020, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. EST
This briefing will provide “evidence-based recommendations for strengthening federal-local partnerships while enhancing local control of violent crime strategies.” Further, the presentation will review existing literature, the federal resources viewed as most useful by local police chiefs, and violent crime drivers, among many other topics.

National Center for School Safety | A Call to Action: Addressing Historical and Ending Contemporary Racial Inequities in Schools
Date: September 22, 2020, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. EST
In this webinar, Linda Henderson-Smith, director of Children and Trauma-Informed Services at the National Council for Behavioral Health, will review historical and current racial inequities faced by people of color. Director Henderson-Smith will also explore resiliency-building strategies to combat these the effect of these inequities on children. Click here to register.

Measures for Justice | Using Data and Performance Measurement to Improve Criminal Justice Outcomes
Date: September 29, 2020, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. EST
In this webinar, Dr. Gipsy Escobar, Director of Innovation Research at Measures for Justice, will discuss a system her organization developed that “leverages the data already collected by local agencies to assess the health of the criminal justice system at the county level.” This presentation will help practitioners identify performance measures to track goals, translate complex data for stakeholders, and understand best practices related to data processing. Click here to register.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention | The Effects of Trauma on Children, Youth, and Families
Date: September 29, 2020, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. EST
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This webinar, produced by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), is the first in a three-part webinar series “that will focus on the effects of trauma on children and a trauma-informed approach to caring for children and families that have experienced trauma.” Click here to register.

**Strategies for Policing Innovation | Technology Integration to Address Violence Webinar**
- **Date:** October 7, 2020, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. EST
- This webinar will review how three Strategies for Policing Innovation (SPI) sites (Detroit, MI; Wilmington, DE; and St. Louis, MO) use technology and evidence-based strategies to strengthen their responses to violent crime. The presenters will discuss various technologies, including “gunshot detection systems, CCTVs, and mobile surveillance units along with the use of Real-Time Crime Centers”, and how these systems can be integrated into policing. Click here to register.

**American Society of Evidence-Based Policing | Experience from a Randomized-Controlled Trial of Police Social Interaction Training**
- **Date:** October 21, 2020, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. EST
- In this webinar, Kyle McLean, Assistant Professor at Clemson University’s Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice will discuss his experience performing randomized-controlled trials of “a long-term, repetitive social iteration training program in two U.S. police departments.” Further, he will review survey and administrative data related to these efforts. Click here to register.

**Police Executive Research Forum | On the Front Lines of the Opioid Epidemic: Research, Challenges, and Multi-Disciplinary Responses in the Justice System**
- **Date:** October 21, 2020, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. EST
- In light of the opioid epidemic that, on average, claims 130 Americans’ lives daily, this webinar explores promising initiatives, gaps in research and services, and how localities can adopt effective strategies for reducing the harms caused by the opioid epidemic. The presenter will “discuss how law enforcement has responded to the epidemic, the role of forensics, and the top issues associated with developing a comprehensive research agenda to impact the opioid crisis.” Click here to register.

**ONLINE LEARNING**

**IACP | 10 Ways Community Members Can Engage with Law Enforcement**
- This blog post explores ten ways community members can engage with law enforcement to build trust and stronger community-police relations. These methods include, but are not limited to, volunteering, participating in neighborhood watch programs, attending community meetings, and interacting with local police departments through social media platforms.

**NAACP | Pathways to Police [Positive Systems Change] Community Mobilization Toolkit**
- This toolkit, meant for individuals who want to advocate for local law enforcement positive systems change, lays out a comprehensive, long-term strategy to achieve this end. The toolkit aims to “assist in the mobilization of our state conferences and local units.” Readers will learn components for effective advocacy,
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how to prepare for meetings with local officials, and how policing practices and training can be refined to lessen systematic racial profiling and prejudice.

AXON | Funding Your Agency During the COVID-19 Crisis
The COVID-19 pandemic had led to budget shortfalls for numerous organizations, causing many to explore other sources for funding. In this webinar, the presenters will “discuss the most effective ways to source, apply for, and deploy grant funds at [an] agency.”

Implementing and Sustaining Successful Crime Reduction Initiatives: How to Get the Most Out of Your Data-Sharing Partnerships
This is a recording of part four of IACP’s CBCR webinar series. In this webinar, Dr. Robin Engel reviewed how CBCR sites can get the most out of their data-sharing partnerships. She presented data-sharing best practices and discussed how CBCR practitioners can use data to promote long-term project sustainability. Further, Dr. Engel spoke to how community-based non-profits can access police data and how CBCR practitioners can strengthen relationships between police departments, community organizations, and local research partners.

IACP | Library of Innovations in Community-Based Crime Reduction Resources
This library is a searchable database of resources related to innovative community-based crime reduction strategies. This is a compilation of in-person and online trainings, webinars, tools, articles, publications, and other resources to better inform crime reduction efforts. This library includes resources which are no or low cost to law enforcement, community-led organizations, and researchers. While targeted for these groups, these resources may also benefit their multidisciplinary partners. New resources are being added to this growing library. If you have any questions about this library, please reach out to the IACP team at CBCR@theIACP.org.

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Share information, resources, and news across all the Community-Based Crime Reduction sites by emailing Zac Onufrychuk at onufrychuk@theiacp.org.

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