



The UNITY RoadMap: A Framework for Preventing Youth Violence

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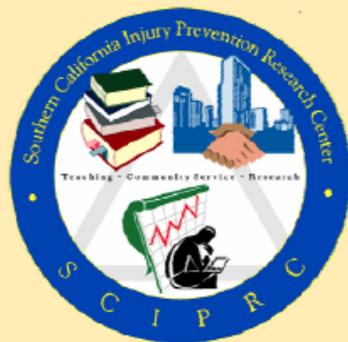


UNITY RoadMap: Essential Elements of Preventing Violence

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An Assessment of Youth Violence Prevention Activities in USA Cities



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Who? Partnerships

- ◆ High-Level Leadership
- ◆ Collaboration & Staffing
- ◆ Community Engagement

A Coordinated Approach

Minneapolis



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What? Prevention

- ◆ Programs, Organizational Practices & Policies
- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Training & Capacity Building

Transform Zoning Code

ZONING FOR
A HEALTHY

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How? Strategy

- ◆ Strategic Plans
- ◆ Data & Evaluation
- ◆ Funding

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Oakland, CA

For 10 years, Measures Y and BB generate
\$6 million every year to prevent violence



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UNITY City Network



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UNITY Evaluation

- ◆ **Partnerships:** Increased collaboration across sectors and with the community
- ◆ **Prevention:** Nearly 90% of strategic plans reflect health department input
- ◆ **Strategy:** All UNITY cities either have a strategic plan or are developing one
- ◆ 85% of cities report using the UNITY RoadMap

Learn More

- ◆ Explore the elements online, bit.ly/12AgeQM
- ◆ UNITY RoadMap Gauge, bit.ly/1e0ABi9
- ◆ UNITY Policy Platform, page 5
- ◆ “Advancing State Efforts to Prevent Urban Violence”

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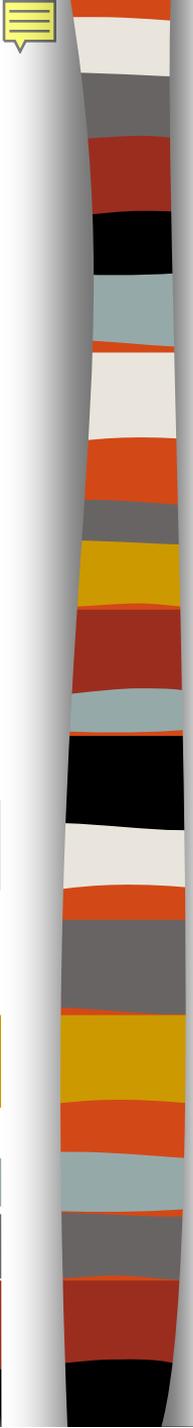
Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative

A UNITY Network Member City

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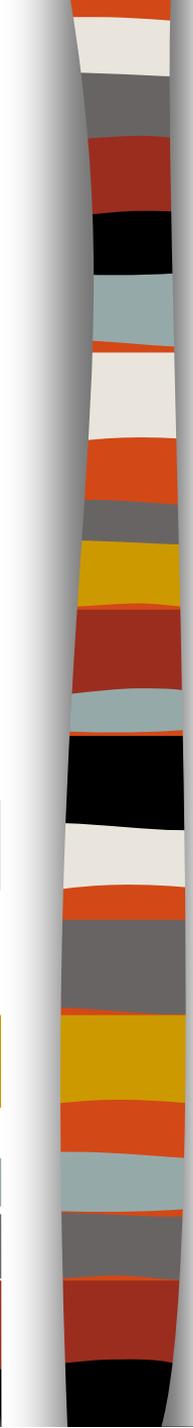
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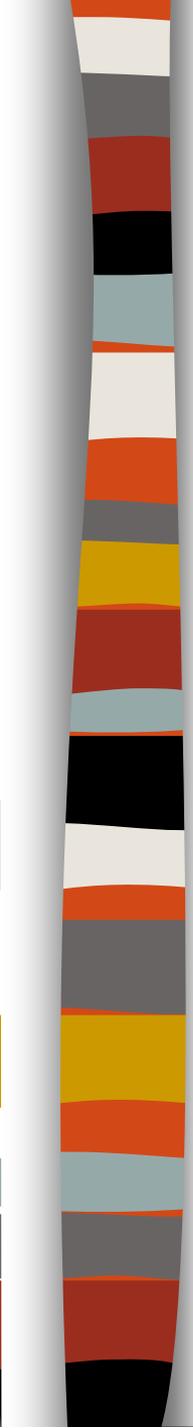
SYVPI Background

- Initiative was developed in response to:
 - Shooting deaths of five youth in 2008
 - Persistence of court referrals for violent offenses
 - High rate of middle school suspensions for violence related incidents
- A combined intervention–prevention model
 - City already invests more than \$62 million in youth services
 - Social Development Research Group work identified risk characteristics aligned with City intervention



Primary Populations

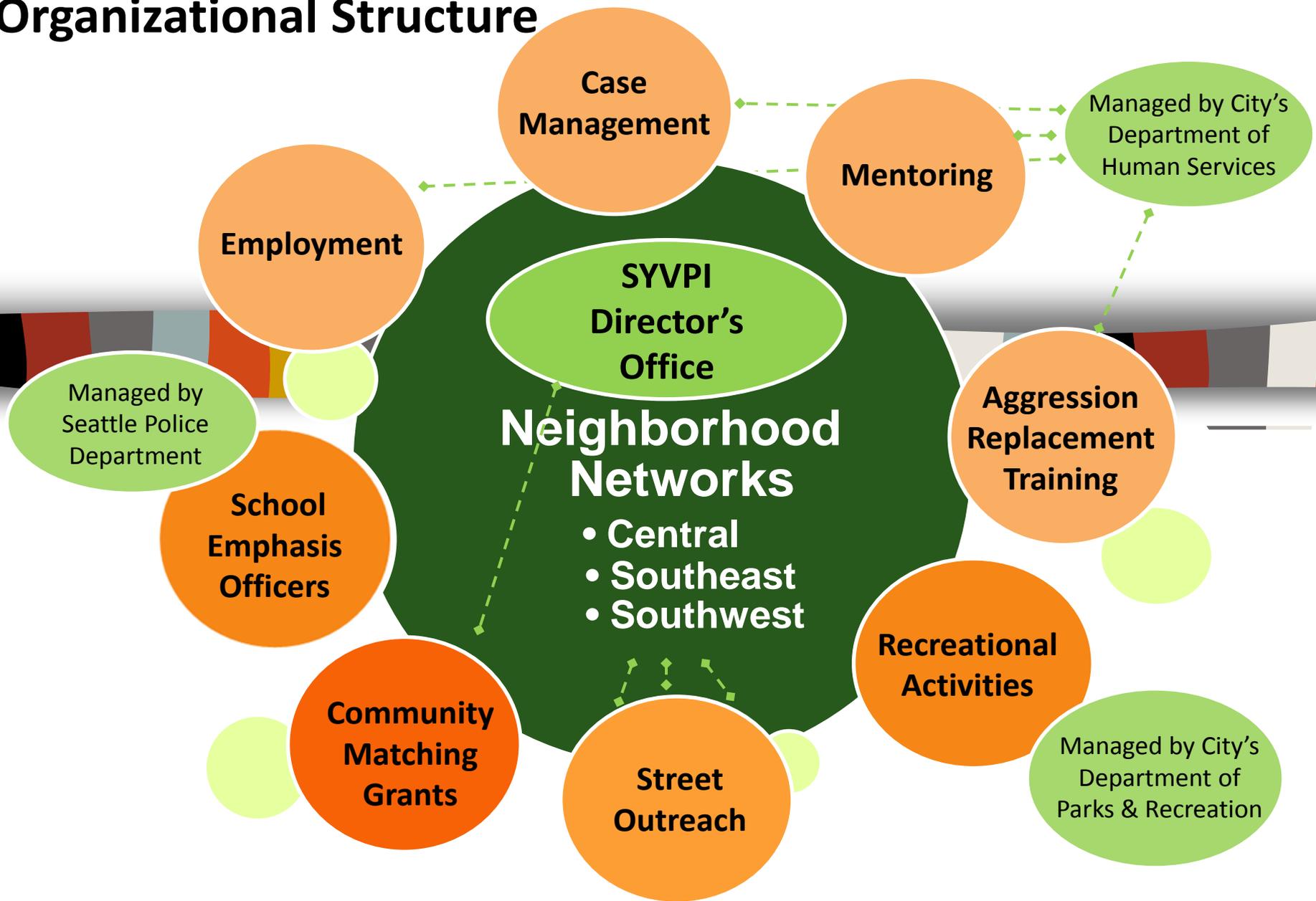
1. Youth convicted multiple times and either released from state or county supervision or under minimal supervision and considered at continued risk to re-offend
2. Youth arrested for crimes that do not meet the juvenile detention criteria and released back into the community
3. Middle school youth at risk of multiple suspensions or chronic truancy
4. Youth and their associates who are victims of violence and may seek retaliation
5. Gang-involved youth



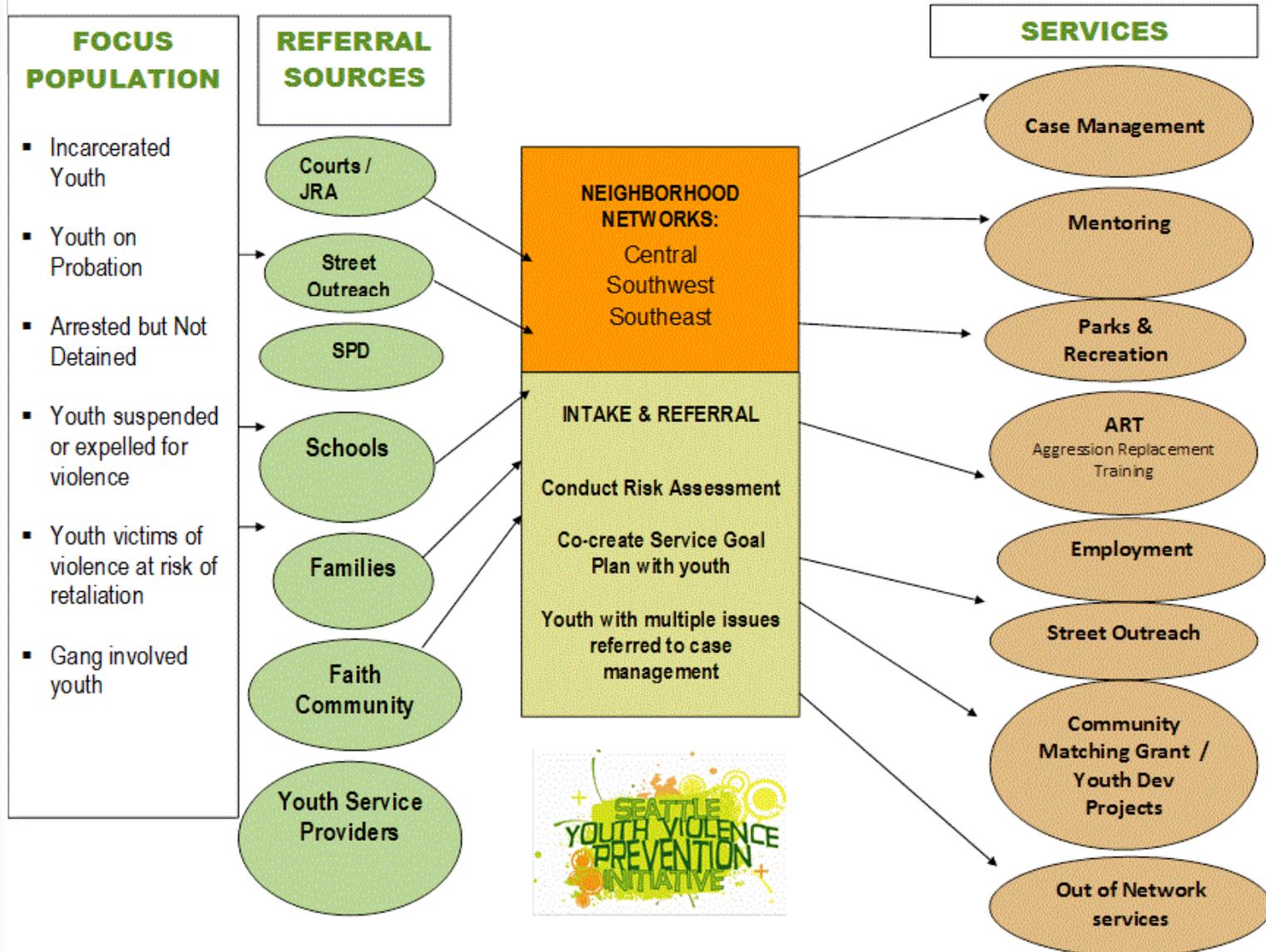
Seattle Initiative

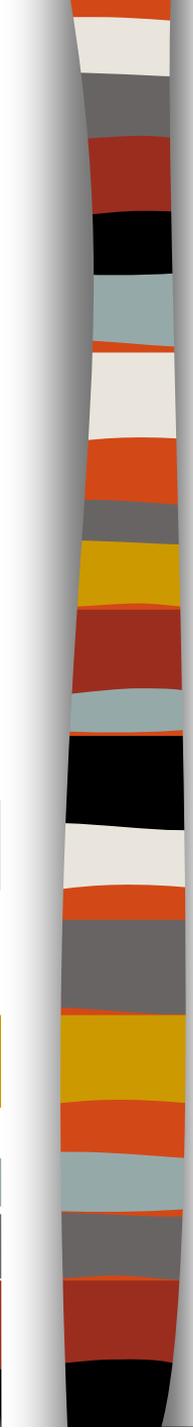
- A blend of multiple strategies
 - Community organization
 - Strategic law enforcement
 - Provision of social services and employment opportunities
- Annual budget \$4.6 million

Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative Organizational Structure



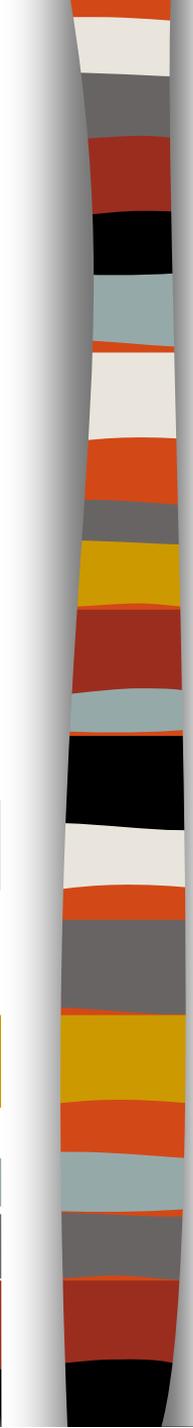
SYVPI FLOW CHART





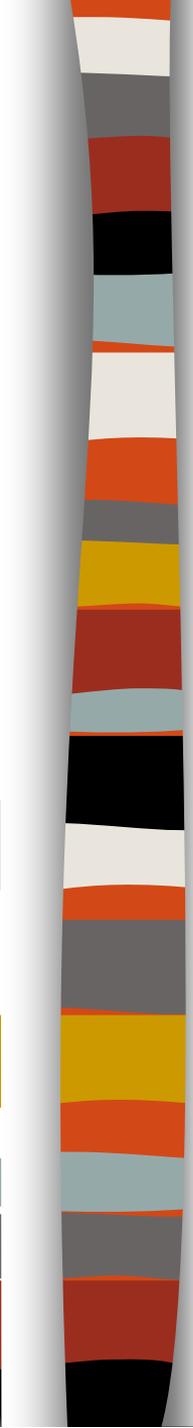
Network Coordination

- Establish neighborhood-based partnerships that support youth violence prevention
- Leverage additional “out-of-network” resources for Initiative youth
- Mobilize Neighborhood Action Teams and community to support SYVPI goals
- Manage community grant and youth development projects



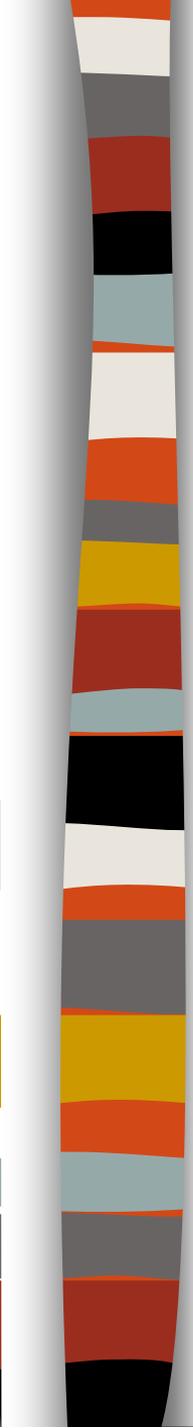
Intake & Referral

- Receive referrals to the Initiative and conduct needs assessment with youth and referring person or agency
- Determine the best services for youth and make the service referral
- Enter all information in SYVPI database
- Monitor ongoing engagement of youth in pro-social activities



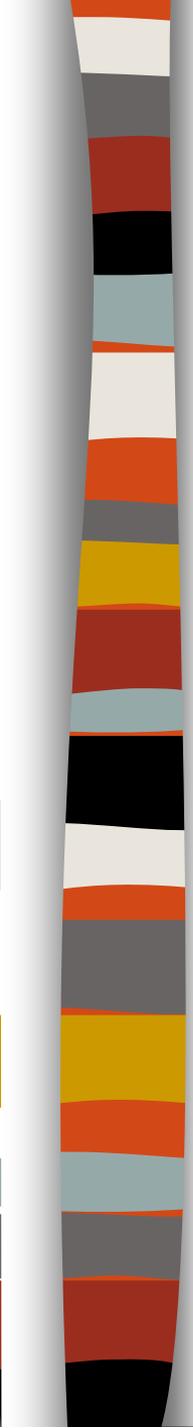
Case Management

- Emphasis on serving youth with multiple issues who are not receiving case management services from other sources
- Build one-on-one relationship with youth
- Co-develop individual service plan
- Help youth stay on track



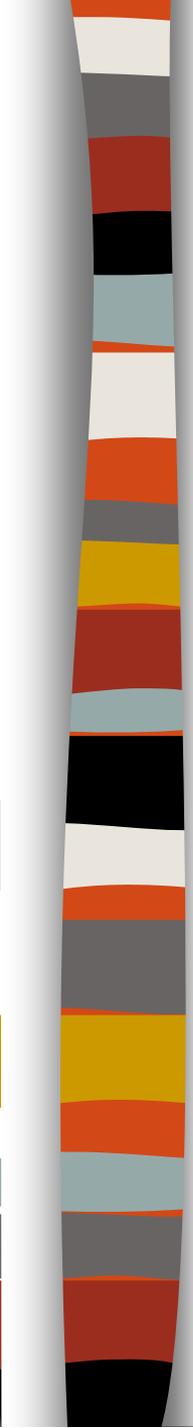
Street Outreach

- Strategic engagement
 - Reach out to youth, build trusting relationships, mediate/de-escalate conflicts, bridge to SYVPI and other resources
 - Advocate for youth and help youth understand that he or she must be accountable for negative behavior
- Critical incident response
 - Respond to major incidents such as shootings
 - Mediate/de-escalate youth in conflicts at strategic areas such as hospitals, courthouse, schools, or hot spots
- Preventing major violent events



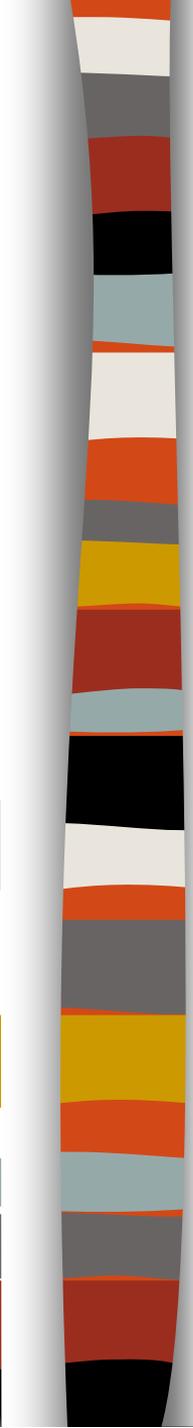
School Emphasis Officers

- Conflict resolution & mediation
- GREAT training
- Home visits
- Referrals to Initiative
- Build police-community relations



Other SYVPI services:

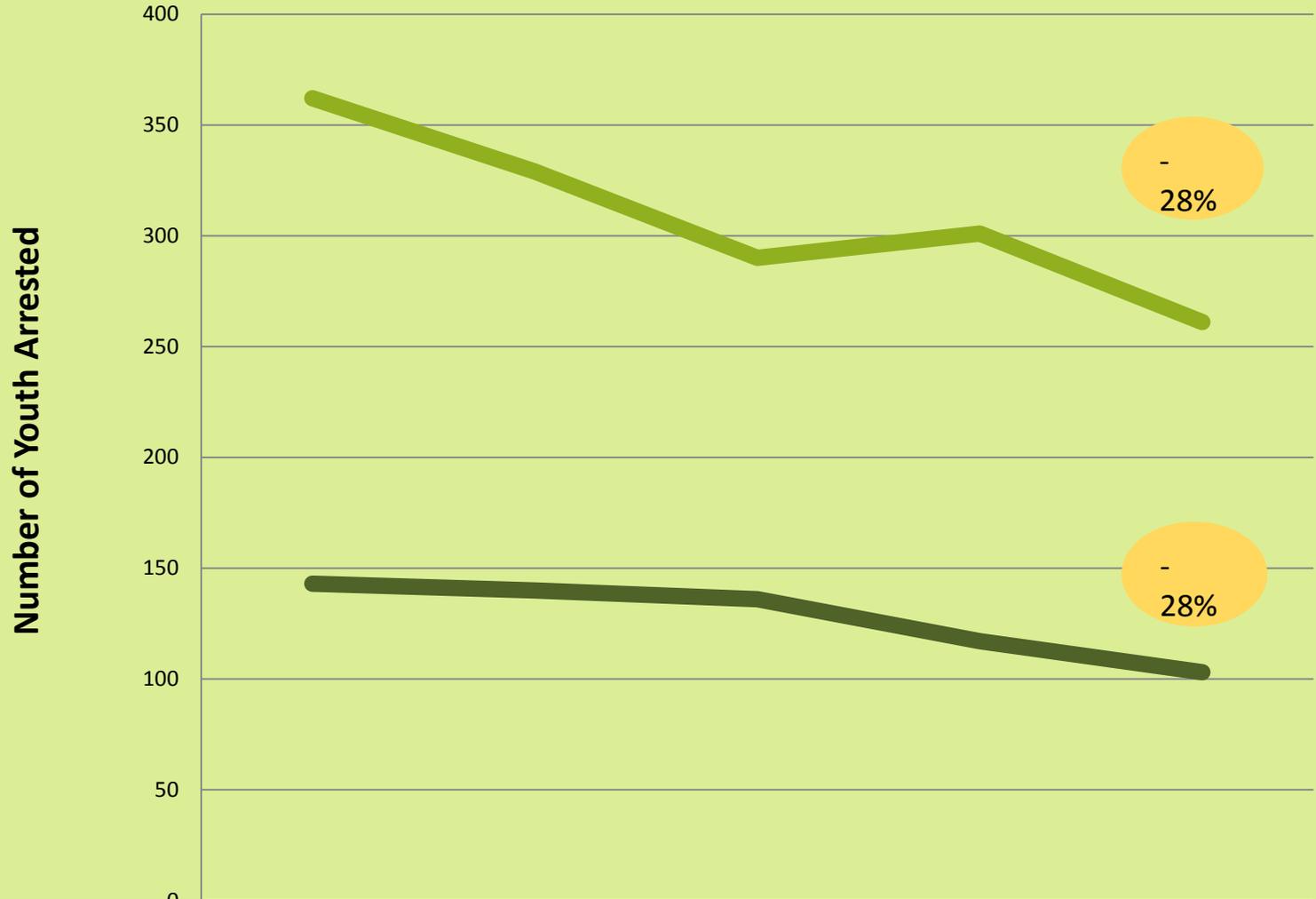
- Youth employment & internships
- Mentoring
- Parks Department recreation activities
- Aggression Replacement Training
- Community Matching Grant projects



Current Status

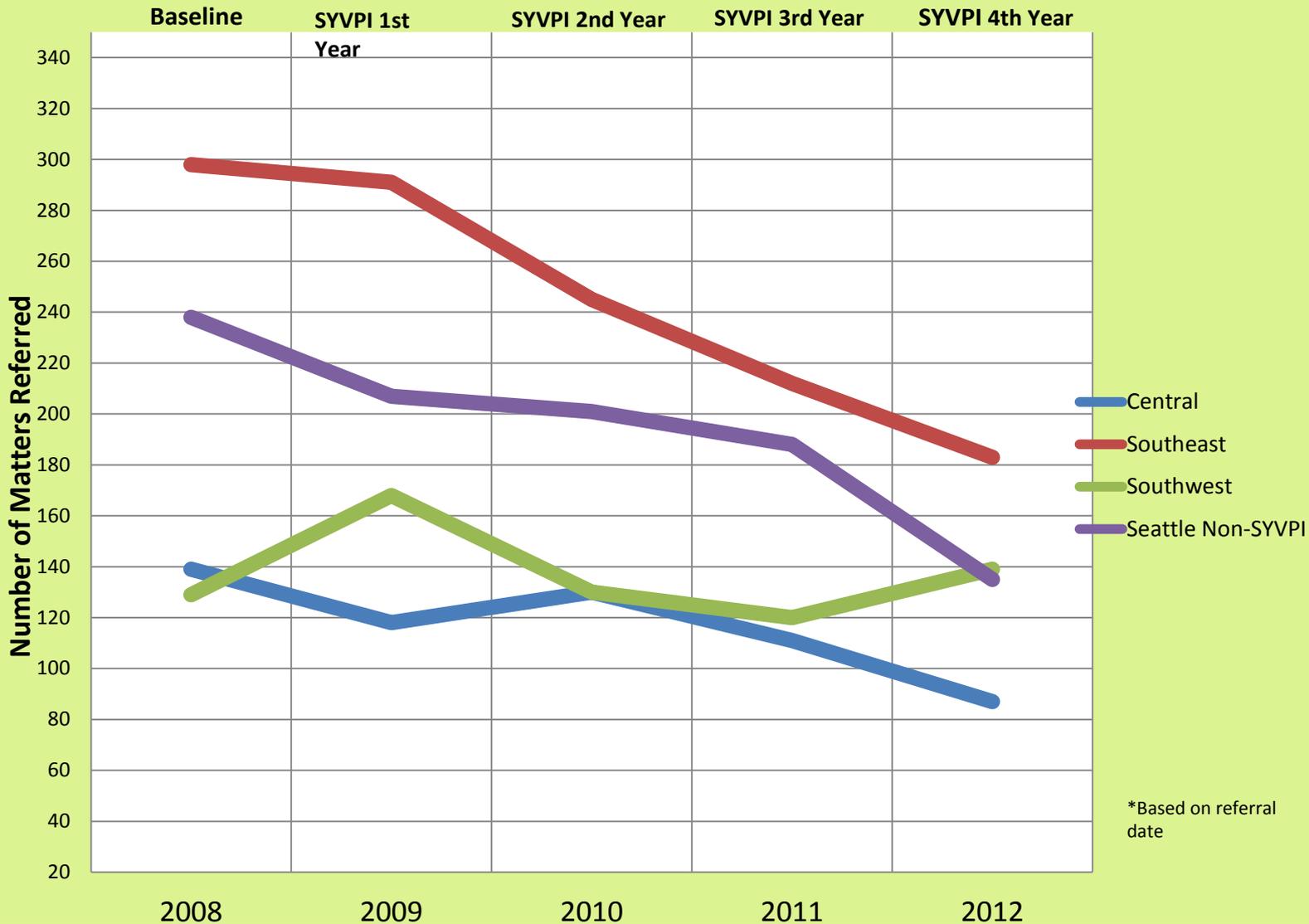
- 1,200+ youth enrolled
- 300+ youth case-managed
- 200+ youth in internships, employment services & community service each year
- 400+ youth participate in recreation programs
- 100+ youth matched with mentors

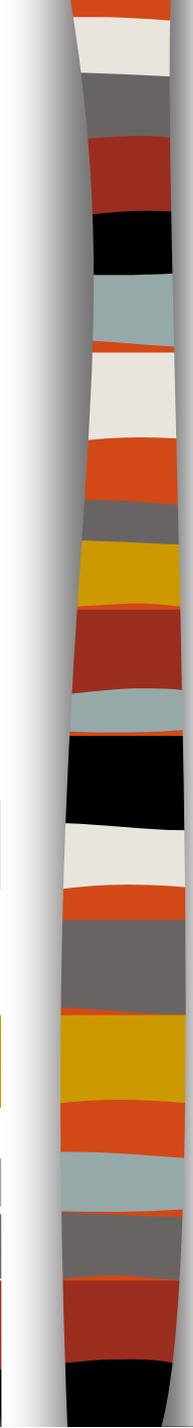
Youth Arrested by SPD for Violent Offenses by Calendar Year 2008-2012



	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
SYVPI Area	362	329	290	301	261
Non-SYVPI Area	143	140	136	117	103

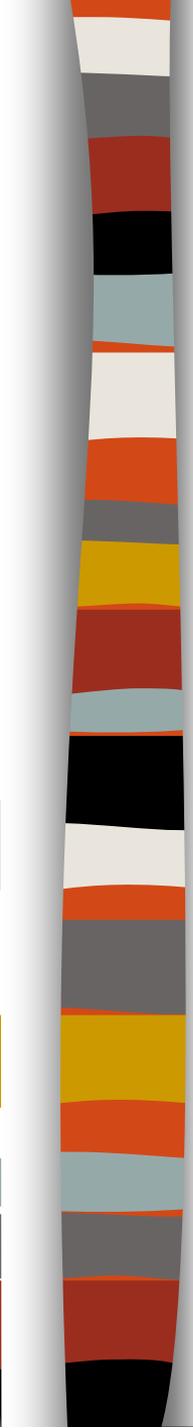
Matters Referred for Person Offenses January 2008 - December 2012*





Evaluation

- Risk assessment screening tool validation with UW School of Medicine
- SYVPI evaluation readiness review with MEF Associates



What Makes These Partnerships Successful?

- Networks and service providers are jointly responsible for youth outcomes
- **Intentional collaboration**
- Networks leverage community resources
- **Shared data among all parties**
- Course corrections

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