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Hendry Ton, M.D., M.S.
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I am pleased to welcome you to the 7th Annual Northern California Black Physicians Forum at the UC Davis School of Medicine. We are grateful to Sac Cultural Hub, whose continued partnership makes this important event possible.

This year, we take a vital look at violence as a critical social determinant of health in communities of color. We have assembled an expert panel that will discuss, among other essential topics, public health interventions relating to youth violence; the dynamics of racial violence; grassroots organizing as a tool to address community violence and mass incarceration; and collaborative, community-level initiatives to address trauma and promote healing. All of our discussions encompass the vital need to address disparities in class, race, gender and other issues of social justice.

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We are all at this forum because we are committed to finding solutions and fueling change that will positively impact communities in which violence and other social issues are having a deep impact on health and well-being. In addition to gaining insights at the sessions, I hope you will consider this event an opportunity to network and exchange ideas with other attendees. Violence is a community issue that is best addressed collaboratively. We are all better together.

I thank our corporate and community sponsors for their generous support of this forum. And I am grateful to all attendees for demonstrating their commitment by being here today.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hendry Ton MD". The signature is stylized, with the first letters of the first and last names being large and prominent.

Hendry Ton, M.D., M.S.

Program Agenda | 2017 Black Physicians Forum

Discussing Violence as a Public Health Issue in the African American Community

Friday, April 28, 2017 – 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm

FORUM SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

UC Davis School of Medicine, Education Building
4610 X Street, Sacramento, CA 95817

5:30 PM	REGISTRATION & RECEPTION Networking & Exhibits, Catered Reception Interviews & Group/Individual Photos
6:30 PM	WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS Pleshette Robertson – CEO/Founder Sac Cultural Hub Media Company & Foundation Dr. Hendry Ton – Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion, Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Diversity, University of California, Davis Health Allen Warren – Councilmember District 2 City of Sacramento
7:00 PM	SPONSORSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
7:10pm	William Jahmal Miller, MHA – MC/Host Deputy Director - Office of Health Equity, California Department of Public Health
7:15 PM	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION Dr. Roger A. Mitchell, Jr., MD, FASCP – Chief Medical Examiner Office of The Chief Medical Examiner, Washington D.C.
8:15 PM	PANEL PRESENTATION Larissa Estes – Program Manager, Health System Transformation Team, Prevention Institute Oakland, California Danielle Williams – Community Organizer Sacramento Area Congregations Together (ACT) Howard Pinderhughes, PhD – Associate Professor Social & Behavioral Sciences Department at University of California, San Francisco, School of Nursing
9:15 PM	SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALL FOR MENTORS
9:30 PM	THANK YOU / CLOSING REMARKS

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Pleshette Robertson is the CEO and Founder of Sac Cultural Hub and the Chief Editor of THE HUB Magazine. She is also the owner of PR & Associates Business Resources which is an advertisement and promotions agency specializing in providing multi-media advertising, social media marketing campaigns, e-blast ad/website production and consultation to new business and startup organizations. She also serves as the Executive Director for the Sac Cultural Hub Media Foundation and as a Covered California Certified Enrollment Counselor. She holds a B.A. in Business Administration from San Jose State University. Pleshette loves and celebrates her extended family while she is the proud mother of three daughters and also has one grandson.



Vicki Blakely holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Care Administration/Management where she worked for various hospitals and clinics throughout Southern and Northern California. Vicki is currently studying for her Master's Degree at Capella University. She also owns "Audacity to Promote" a company that specializes in promoting local community events. She was the promoter for the NAACP R&B Festival in 2011. Vicki joined the staff of Sac Cultural Hub in the Fall of 2009 and is the Administrative Secretary working on special grant projects and activities.



After over 20 years in broadcasting, print media, and public relations, **Michael P. Coleman** relocated from Detroit in 2010 to write the latest chapter in his career: Coleman Communications. He regularly delivers feature articles to a variety of print and online platforms, including Jet Magazine, EURweb.com, and Uptown Magazine. Coleman Communications also provides consultation on brand management, event planning & execution, and fund development/sales to corporations and small businesses. Coleman has earned a Bachelor of Arts with High Honors and Distinction in Communication from the University of Michigan, and he's working on achieving fluency in Spanish.



Twlia Laster is the owner of Twlia Makes It Happen! Consulting Service. Ms. Laster has 20 years of experience in providing consulting services to clients in need of strategic marketing, program development, public relations, event management, health education, and smoking cessation facilitation. For the past eight years Ms. Laster has served as the Strategic Marketing and Program Director for Sac Cultural Hub Media Company directly engaged in increasing overall company revenue by revamping the marketing model, developing programs, solidifying corporate and community partnerships. Additionally, Ms. Laster is the Program Manager of The SOL Project, Saving Our Legacy, African Americans for Smoke Free Safe Places, and serves on several public health advisory committees throughout Northern California.



Lesley Leatherwood is the CEO of Leatherwood Marketing, and specializes in national internet marketing and print advertising. She possesses over 20 years of corporate experience, including inside and outside sales, hospitality, public relations, media buying, production assistant in television and four feature films. She is an expert with consulting on promoting, advertising, telemarketing products, events and photography. Lesley is originally from Cardiff Wales, England. Lesley has been with Sac Cultural Hub Media Company since 2008 and serves as the Community Advertising Manager.



Donna Ramos writes several multi-cultural novels simultaneously. Her journalism career as a Senior Staff Writer/Reporter for THE HUB Magazine writes multi-cultural novels and her journalism career as a Senior Staff Writer for THE HUB Magazine has yielded interviews with Maxwell, Venus and Serena Williams and HRH Sarah Ferguson Duchess of York, to name a few. As a self-published author, Ramos received acclaim from Essence Magazine and BlackbookPlus.com for her contemporary romance book "HIGH RISE". "M&M, Madness and Mayhem", the final book in her HIGH RISE Trilogy, was released in 2013.



Valarie Scruggs is the Health Equity Manager at Cares Community Health where she designs programs to reduce health disparities by educating the public on health insurance and managing overall health. She is also owner of VisionStep, a consultant business focused on program development and grant writing. She has 17 years of experience in program planning, securing funding, and implementing effective public health campaigns. She develops strategic alliances to conduct campaigns that increase knowledge and encourage individuals and communities to take action to reduce their risk for disease. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Social Ecology from University of California, Irvine with an emphasis in Psychology and Social Behavior. Valarie also serves as Program Development Manager for the Sac Cultural Hub Media Foundation.

Forum Leadership Welcome Message | 2017 Black Physicians Forum

Violence is preventable. There are a number of cities and communities across the nation that have successfully reduced the amount of violence within their borders and improved the overall health of their residents. Sac Cultural Hub Media Foundation welcomes you to the 7th Annual Northern California Black Physicians Forum, where we will discuss how violence is impacting the African American community in this region and what we can do to prevent future violence and heal the trauma from past violence to make our communities more resilient. Real change happens at a basic level, in our minds, our hearts, our choices, words and actions. It's sustained by us when fostered in the places where we live, where life is valued. We welcome you to learn about and adopt public health strategies to reduce violence in the African American community.

Violence is not just a part of our history, on an upsurge, or a new simmering public problem. Violence is a part of our daily lives, directly or indirectly. In order to mentally separate and protect ourselves from violence we often selectively categorize what is violence, who are the perpetrators of violence, and why the victims brought the violence on themselves. We may dismiss the verbal violence that hurts and shames people. We may minimize some violence as a "normal" part of relationships and child development. We may sensationalize violence when it is between polarizing groups such as bullies in school, gangs, blacks vs whites and citizens vs immigrants. All while ignoring or feeling helpless to tackle the true causes that bring people to violence such as poverty, frustration and fear, mistrust, lack of supportive relationships, negative cultural norms that are passed down, stress from instability, chronic unemployment, abuse, limited education, poor communication skills, religious intolerance, substance abuse, and absence of resilient ability. Within this environment we've added cellphone cameras, police cams, video games, television and social media that have significantly contributed to faster spread and a more penetrating awareness of the violence in our communities. This only inspires greater fear and evokes even more violence when the perception is that there is no accountability, justice, or satisfactory resolutions. Violence leaves everyone not just the individuals involved, but the families, neighborhoods, groups, and communities where we live, work, worship, and play changed for the worse.

Here are a few facts on the scope of violence:

- Homicide is the fifth leading cause of premature death in Sacramento County.
- 9.5% of Black women have been stalked and 41.2% of Black women have been physically abused by a partner during their lifetime.
- Homicide ranks as the 9th leading cause of death among African Americans, Hispanics, and American Indian/Alaskan Natives. Homicide is not in the top 10 for Caucasians and Asians.
- Accidents, Homicide, and Suicide are the top 3 leading causes of death for youth ages 15-24.
- For black homicides with an identified weapon, 84% of victims were shot and killed with guns.
- 29.8 African American children per thousand compared to 10.2 per thousand of White children in Sacramento County experience abuse and neglect.

Studies have shown that trauma from experiencing and witnessing violence creates physical changes in our brains. It's not just an emotional response and the effects are not just momentary but life-long. In our current climate, Americans are increasingly divided and unable to find common ground. The skills in treating trauma and an increased number of voices joined in preventing violence will be critical factors in supporting African Americans at every age to limit violence and manage trauma resulting from both within the community and outside the community.

Thank you for joining us to proactively discuss "Violence as a Public Health Issue in the African American Community."



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Sources:

Black Homicide Victimization in the United States An Analysis of 2013 Homicide Data by the Violence Policy Center
Domestic Violence in Communities of Color WOCN, Inc. FAQ Collection
Community Health Status Report 2014 Sacramento County

Kidsdata.org - <http://www.kidsdata.org/topic/7/childabuse-cases-race/table#jump=children-faring&fmt=2323&loc=1,2,344&tf=84&ch=7,11,8,10,9&sortColumnId=0&sortType=asc>

History of Sac Cultural Hub Media Company & Foundation | 2017 Black Physicians Forum

Working to promote healthy lifestyles among African American and urban communities in Northern California, Sac Cultural Hub Media Foundation (SCHMF) was created in 2003 to develop programs which mentor young adults, women, and underserved communities. The Foundation has implemented programs in partnership with corporations, businesses and individuals to promote higher education, provide entrepreneurship opportunities, further diversity partnerships, and improve and encourage collaborative efforts through exceptional signature events that include:

- **Exceptional Women of Color (EWOC) Networking Brunch Conference**
- **Hub Choice Awards (HCA) Show**
- **Black Physicians Forum (BPF)**
- **BPF Medical Student Scholarship Program**
- **Young Exceptional Women of Color (Y-EWOC) Scholarship Competition**
- **Young Women's Summit (YWS)**

The mission of the Sac Cultural Hub Media Foundation is to provide exciting non-traditional vehicles of engagement where businesses and non-profit organizations can market services and products, mentor and provide public service information to educate and inspire the urban community. Our primary goal is to motivate and empower African American professionals, communities, and youth to thrive and succeed in life.

The Sac Cultural Hub Media Foundation utilizes the Sacculturalhub.com Media Company to connect with the African American and Urban communities of Northern California. Sacculturalhub.com is known as the #1 grassroots multi-media organization in Northern California and is the most popular resource for networking of businesses, non-profit organizations, community resources, entertainment, and individuals.



Pleshette Robertson, the CEO and Founder of Sacculturalhub.com launched the website in March 2002. The website provides an internet platform for news, multicultural events, career profiles, professional business services, community resources, educational opportunities, corporate advertising, and photo gallery of Northern California residents, visitors, and celebrities. The website currently receives over 2 million national hits each month with over 50,000 unique visitors each month. In February 2006, Ms. Robertson implemented a signature publication to complement the website. THE HUB: Urban Entertainment & Lifestyle Magazine caters to affluent urban professionals, working class families, and underserved African American and mainstream communities with a mission to highlight these individuals for their community contributions which increases enthusiasm in the community and helps others to celebrate what Northern California has to offer.

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As Mayor of the City of Sacramento, it is my honor to welcome you to the 7th Annual Black Physicians Forum at the UC Davis School of Medicine. The City of Sacramento values the work of the Black Physicians Forum, and I am pleased to support this year's efforts to help assess health issues impacting African Americans.

This event provides dedicated physicians, medical students, nurses, health providers and residents with valuable resources to address health disparities in the African American community. I commend your commitment to improving access to services and education, as well as addressing social justice issues. These efforts are important, now more than ever, to achieve equity, equality, and a better quality of life.

I would like to commend the organizers and sponsors for their commitment in ensuring equal and accessible healthcare for African Americans is achieved.

Thank you for all that you do in our community and best wishes for a successful event!

Sincerely,



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Discussing Violence as a Public Health Issue in the African American Community

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Violence is a “Shapeshifter”

Violence is defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) as the intentional use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against oneself, another person, or against a group or community, which either results in or has a high likelihood of resulting in injury, death, psychological harm and deprivation. Violence can affect

“If violence is not a public health problem; why are all these people dying from it?”

**Surgeon General
David Satcher, 1993**

anyone as “shifts” further than bodily harm. Violence can cause health conditions such as depression, anxiety and other mental health disorders. It also contributes to cancer, heart disease, stroke and other health related disparities because victims of violence try to manage their traumatic experiences

by engaging in risky behaviors such as using tobacco, alcohol and drugs. In this regard, violence can be a catalyst to early death and lifelong ill health.

Why Violence is a Public Health Issue?

Violence is among the most serious health threats in the nation today that jeopardizes public health and safety. There are disproportionately high rates of violence in low-income communities and this disparity contributes heavily to overall health inequities. Violence is a significant inequality, disproportionately affecting young people and people of color.

In the Center for Disease Control (CDC) 2007 publication *“The History of Violence”*, violence is discussed and recognized as a public health problem. The public health community recognizes the importance of behavioral factors in the cause and prevention of disease. Prevention for the top three leading causes of death for African Americans in

the United States—heart disease, cancer, and stroke— rests largely on behavioral modifications such as exercise, changes in diet, and smoking cessation. Health care and public health professionals are now utilizing similar models to ascertain the behavioral challenges and modifications needed underlying interpersonal violence and suicidal behavior (*“The History of Violence”*, 2007)

Violence is a health issue because it directly affects the health of its victims. In fact, it’s such a direct health problem that:

- It’s the #1 cause of death for African-American and Latino males aged 15-24
- In many cities, violence is the #1 cause of death for all people under the age of 34
- Since 1960, millions of people have died in the United States from intentional violence

Violence is also a health issue because of the many indirect effects. Merely being exposed to violence has been linked to:

- Chronic disease (heart disease, asthma, stroke, cancer, and more)
- Mental health problems (PTSD, stress, anxiety, depression, and more)
- Lower quality of life
- Increased risk of perpetrating violence

**6 Leading Causes of Death, United States
2015, Black, Both Sexes**

Rank	Age Groups										All Ages
	<1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
1	Short Gestation 1,618	Unintentional Injury 298	Unintentional Injury 185	Unintentional Injury 150	Homicide 3,062	Homicide 2,921	Heart Disease 2,868	Heart Disease 7,532	Malignant Neoplasms 18,178	Heart Disease 48,028	Heart Disease 75,249
2	Congenital Anomalies 973	Homicide 146	Malignant Neoplasms 63	Homicide 81	Unintentional Injury 1,712	Unintentional Injury 2,208	Unintentional Injury 2,136	Malignant Neoplasms 7,123	Heart Disease 15,302	Malignant Neoplasms 41,045	Malignant Neoplasms 69,389
3	SIDS 537	Congenital Anomalies 101	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease 50	Malignant Neoplasms 68	Suicide 610	Heart Disease 999	Malignant Neoplasms 1,941	Unintentional Injury 2,771	Diabetes Mellitus 3,093	Cerebrovascular 12,708	Cerebrovascular 17,988
4	Maternal Pregnancy Comp. 487	Malignant Neoplasms 57	Homicide 41	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease 54	Heart Disease 308	Malignant Neoplasms 649	Homicide 1,424	Diabetes Mellitus 1,509	Cerebrovascular 3,027	Diabetes Mellitus 8,379	Unintentional Injury 15,745
5	Unintentional Injury 423	Heart Disease 53	Congenital Anomalies 39	Suicide 45	Malignant Neoplasms 255	Suicide 603	HIV 604	Cerebrovascular 1,458	Unintentional Injury 2,768	Alzheimer's Disease 8,039	Diabetes Mellitus 13,869
6	Placenta Cord Membranes 292	Influenza & Pneumonia 28	Heart Disease 30	Two Tied 30	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease 91	HIV 329	Diabetes Mellitus 549	HIV 969	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease 1,946	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease 7,388	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease 10,475

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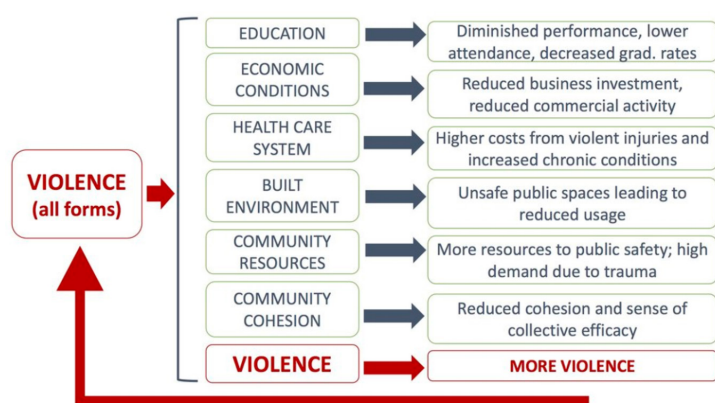
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How does violence impact the health of an entire community?

Communities with high levels of violence often exhibit a number of risk factors at work in the community that have been shown to be linked to poor health outcomes. The pressures from these risk factors that also contribute to bringing about violence such as increased levels of unemployment, poverty, and transiency; decreased levels of economic opportunities and community participation; poor housing conditions; and a lack of access to services as well as the actual acts of violence that cause physical, emotional, and mental trauma detrimentally effect the health of individual members and entire communities. (APA, 2009; Department of Health and Human Services, 2001; Lipsey & Derzon, 1998; Resnick, Ireland, & Borowsky, 2004; World Health Organization, 2002). In contrast, communities with lower levels of violence exhibit more protective factors that buffer individuals and the entire community from violence. Protective factors include a stable economy, positive social norms, abundant resources, high levels of social cohesion, and rewards for prosocial community involvement. (Arthur, Hawkins, Pollard, Catalano, & Baglioni, 2002; Hawkins, Van Horn, & Arthur et al., 2004; Kegler et al., 2005).

Assessing and targeting violence at the community level is especially useful because adjustments at this level often affect a large number of individuals. Factors such as socio economic status (SES) play an important role in this area because communities are often segregated by SES, race, and ethnicity. Targeting the risk and protective factors of violence at the community level will likely produce the greatest change.



Source: Violence as a Health Issue Collaborative - www.violenceepidemic.org

Typology of violence

In its 1996 resolution WHA49.25, declaring violence a leading public health problem, the World Health Assembly called on the World Health Organization to develop a typology of violence that characterized the different types of violence and the links between them. The typology divided violence into three broad categories according to characteristics of those committing the violent act; self-directed violence; interpersonal violence and collective violence.

- Self-directed violence is subdivided into suicidal behavior and self-abuse. The former includes suicidal thoughts, attempted suicides – also called “parasuicide” or “deliberate self-injury” in some countries – and completed suicides. Self-abuse, in contrast, includes acts such as self-mutilation.
- Interpersonal violence is divided into two subcategories: Family and intimate partner violence – violence largely between family members and intimate partners, usually, though not exclusively, taking place in the home. This includes forms of violence such as child abuse, intimate partner violence and abuse of the elderly. Community violence – violence between individuals who are unrelated, and who may or may not know each other, generally taking place outside the home. This includes youth violence, random acts of violence, rape or sexual assault by strangers, and violence in institutional settings such as schools, workplaces, prisons and nursing homes.
- Collective violence is subdivided into social, political and economic violence. Unlike the other two broad categories, the subcategories of collective violence suggest possible motives for violence committed by larger groups of individuals or by states. Collective violence that is committed to advance a particular social agenda includes, for example, crimes of hate committed by organized groups, terrorist acts and mob violence. Political violence includes war and related violent conflicts, state violence and similar acts carried out by larger groups. Economic violence includes attacks by larger groups motivated by economic gain – such as attacks carried out with the purpose of disrupting economic activity, denying access to essential services, or creating economic division and fragmentation. Clearly, acts committed by larger groups can have multiple motives.

Why is Violence more impactful to African American communities?

There is a long history of cultural violence in the African American community. The epidemiological African holocaust is direct proof of years of violence in the form of slavery, oppression, exploitation, rape, suicide, segregation psychological distress and too many other atrocities to list. The history of this trauma impacting all areas of African life, was and is still being transferred generationally through African American communities

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In many African American communities, violence and poverty are often part of daily living. As a result, children are at risk for difficulties in all aspects of their lives, particularly their emotional well-being. The magnitude of violence – in terms of the number of victims – makes it a serious health issue. But the effects of violence also ripple through a community, causing trauma to those who witness it or live in fear of it. Violence is a critical public health problem in the United States. Consequences of violence extend beyond the physical and mental suffering of victims and their families to impact schools, neighborhoods, businesses, and the legal and health care systems.

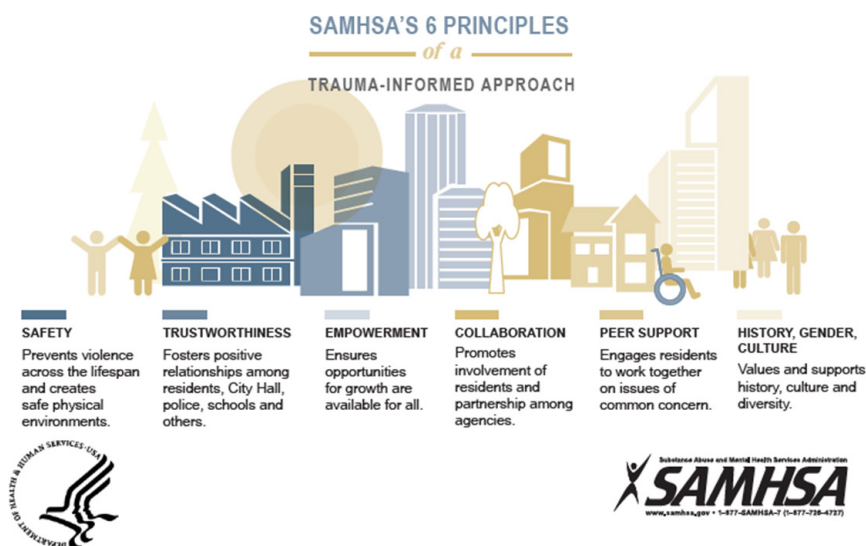
African American communities are experiencing an epidemic of violence and violence related trauma more than ever before. SAMHSA defines trauma as a widespread, harmful, and costly public health problem that occurs as a direct result of violence, abuse, neglect, loss, disaster, war, and other emotionally harmful experiences. Trauma has no boundaries with regard to age, gender, socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, geography, or sexual orientation.

The need to address trauma and violence is increasingly viewed as an important component of effective behavioral health service delivery. SAMHSA promotes a trauma-informed approach to behavioral health care. This approach shifts away from the view of “What’s wrong with this person?” to a more holistic view of “What happened to this person?” This becomes the foundation on which to begin a healing and recovery process (SAMHSA Trauma-Informed Approach, 2017).

The effects of trauma place a heavy burden on individuals, families, and communities and create challenges for public institutions and service systems. Although many people who experience a traumatic event will go on with their lives without lasting negative effects, others will have more difficulty and experience traumatic stress reactions such as exuding violent behavior on others. Emerging research has documented the relationship among traumatic events, impaired neurodevelopmental and immune system responses, and subsequent health risk behaviors resulting in chronic physical and behavioral disorders. In fact, the chronic stress that often accompanies repeated or unresolved trauma has even been linked to physically observable negative changes in brain development, including a reduction in the size of the hippocampus, the portion of the brain associated with long-term memory and spatial reasoning. With appropriate supports and intervention, people can overcome traumatic experiences. However, most people go without these services and supports. Unaddressed trauma significantly increases the risk of mental and substance use disorders, chronic physical diseases, and early death.

Most violence is preventable. Cities with more coordination, communication, and attention to preventing violence have achieved lower violence rates. There is a strong and growing evidence base, grounded in research, practitioner and community prevention models that have developed best practices to reduce violence and treat those effected by trauma.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a severe and chronic condition that may occur in response to traumatic violent events. The National Survey of American Life (NSAL) found that African Americans show a prevalence rate of 9.1% for PTSD versus 6.8% in non-Hispanic Whites, indicating a notable mental health disparity (Himle et al., 2009). Increased rates of PTSD have been found in other groups as well, including Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Pacific Islander Americans and Southeast Asian refugees (Pole et al., 2008). Furthermore, PTSD may be more disabling for minorities; for example, African Americans with PTSD experience significantly more impairment at work and carrying out everyday activities (Himle, et al. 2009).



One major factor in understanding PTSD in ethno racial minorities is the impact of racism on emotional and psychological well-being. Racism continues to be a daily part of American culture, and racial barriers have an overwhelming impact on the oppressed. Much research has been conducted on the social, economic, and political effects of racism, but little research recognizes the psychological effects of racism on people of color (Carter, 2007). Chou, Asnaani, and Hofmann (2012) found that perceived racial discrimination was associated with increased mental disorders in African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans, suggesting that racism may in itself be a traumatic experience.

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Racism is not typically considered a PTSD Criterion A event, i.e., a qualifying trauma. Mental health difficulties attributed to racist incidents are often questioned or downplayed, a response that only perpetuates the victim's anxieties (Carter, 2007). Thus, clients who seek out mental healthcare to address race-based trauma may be further traumatized by macroaggressions — subtle racist slights — from their own therapists (Sue et al., 2007).

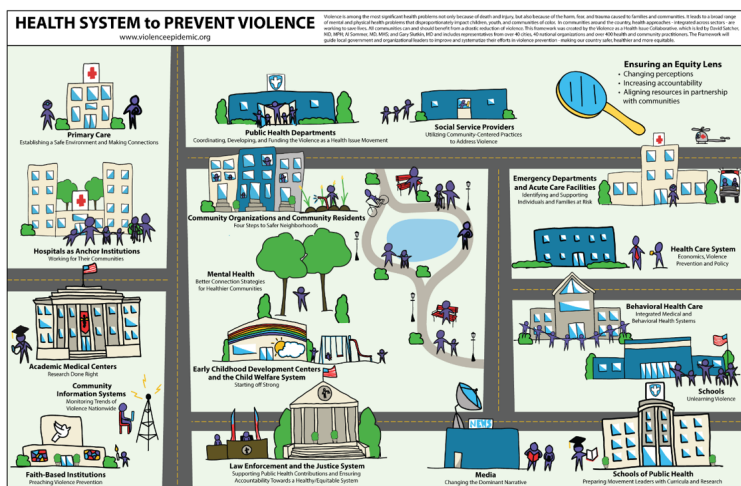
Mental health professionals must be willing and able to assess race-based trauma in their minority clients. Psychologists assessing ethno racial minorities are encouraged to directly inquire about the client's experiences of racism when determining trauma history. Some forms of race-based trauma may include racial harassment, discrimination, witnessing ethno violence or discrimination of another person, historical or personal memory of racism, institutional racism, macroaggressions, and the constant threat of racial discrimination (Helms et al., 2012). The more subtle forms of racism mentioned may be commonplace, leading to constant vigilance, or "cultural paranormal" which may be a protective mechanism against racist incidents. However subtle, the culmination of different forms of racism may result in victimization of an individual parallel to that induced by physical or life-threatening trauma.

Violence has devastated communities across the state, particularly in low-income African American communities. African Americans have the right to safety, health resources and a future free of violence. Health leaders can be instrumental in reversing this trend by having a role in restoring health and violence prevention.

traumatizing events and conditions. Communities that have high levels of violence not only are impacted by the individual trauma that community members and residents are subject to as a result of their exposures to physical violence but also social stressors that can be understood as structural violence. There are also impacts on the community itself—its social structure, social function and its role in the social production of health and well-being which has been identified as Community level trauma. Among other outcomes, trauma can be a barrier to successful implementation of violence prevention and intervention strategies. Trauma and its associated symptoms of mental and psychological illness are more prevalent in the U.S. than in most other countries in the world. While trauma is all too common in the US, there is evidence that boys and men of color may be at even higher risk due to multiple factors including higher rates of incarceration and more exposure to violence. To address this scale of trauma means not only insisting on trauma-informed care for individuals, but also exploring how to address trauma at the population level (Pinderhughes H, Davis R, Williams M., 2015).

The Cure Violence Health Model offers the following examples for cross sector collaborative efforts:

- State, county, and city health department**
 The severity of the effect of violence on the health of a community makes it a public health issue. This not only affects the many victims of violence, but also communities that suffer from the exposure to violence. Therefore, every health department should assess the violence in their communities and implement an appropriate program to address the needs of the community.
- Steps for every health department:**
 - Assessment and analysis of violent injury data to provide improved public health information related to violence and the responses needed.
 - Implement epidemic control programs to prevent fatal events and the spread of violence (*Cure Violence is one model and example, but there are others as well*).
- Physicians, others health professionals and hospitals; especially those with trauma services**
 Hospitals, especially those with trauma services, need to implement measure to properly deal with victims of violence. More specific information about how to implement a hospital-based violence intervention program is available at the National Network of Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs. <http://nnhvip.org/>



Health institution recommendations on preventing violence in communities

The Adverse Community Experiences and Resilience Framework for Addressing and Preventing Community Trauma Paper summarizes that people are affected by the environments they grow up in. This has implications for preventing violence. Entire communities experience

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Steps for every hospital:

- Assessment of the types, severity, and amount of violence that your hospital treats.
- Identification of available resources in your community for domestic violence prevention, conflict mediation, behavioral change, and mental health.
- If your hospital treats a high volume of victims of community violence, implement a hospital-based program to prevent retaliation, treat mental trauma, and address behavioral effects.
- **Universities and schools for public health**
In order to properly treat violence as a disease, we need to properly train workers in the theories and techniques of this work. Additionally, more research is needed to better understand methods of detection and treatment. Below are some of the crucial roles universities need to play.
 - Conduct research on public health methods to prevent violence, including on behavior change for youth involved in violence, changing norms, and mediating conflicts.
 - Develop and offer curriculum on violence, behavior change, norm change, and mediation.
 - Conduct research on the magnitude and impact of violence.

damage the social-cultural environment and make-up of many inner city communities. The trauma manifests at the community level as:

- Damaged, fragmented or disrupted social relations, particularly intergenerational relations
- Damaged or broken social networks and infrastructure of social support
- The elevation of destructive, dislocating social norms that promote or encourage violence and unhealthy behaviors rather than community-oriented positive social norms
- A decreased sense of collective political and social efficacy

THE PHYSICAL/BUILT ENVIRONMENT

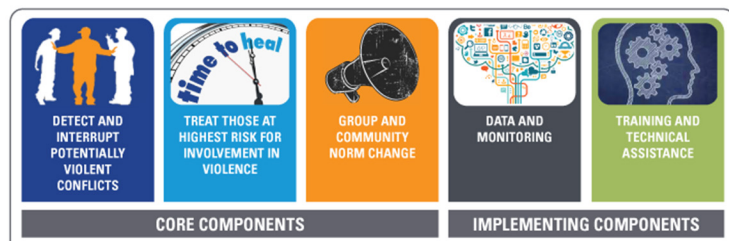
The economic and social changes that occurred during the last 50 years have resulted in communities where high rates of poverty were concentrated in neighborhoods that had a crumbling infrastructure with dilapidated buildings and deteriorating roads, poor transportation services and crippled local economies. There is a mutually reinforcing dynamic between deteriorated physical environments, violence and community trauma. At the community level, trauma manifests within the physical environment, including as:

- Deteriorated environments and unhealthy, often dangerous, public spaces with a crumbling built environment.
- The high availability of unhealthy products, such as alcohol.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Over the last 40 years, scholars and policy makers have pointed to the role of “neighborhood effects” caused by concentrated poverty. Multiple studies have illustrated that levels of violence, crime and delinquency, education, psychological distress, and various health problems, among many other issues, are affected by neighborhood characteristics, particularly the concentration of poverty. Conversely, the risk of violence and associated trauma is increased by the presence of concentrated poverty. The stressors of living with inadequate access to economic and educational opportunities or inequitable opportunities can also contribute to trauma at the community level. The manifestation of trauma at the community level includes:

- Intergenerational poverty
- Relocation of businesses and jobs
- Limited employment and long-term unemployment
- Government and private disinvestment.

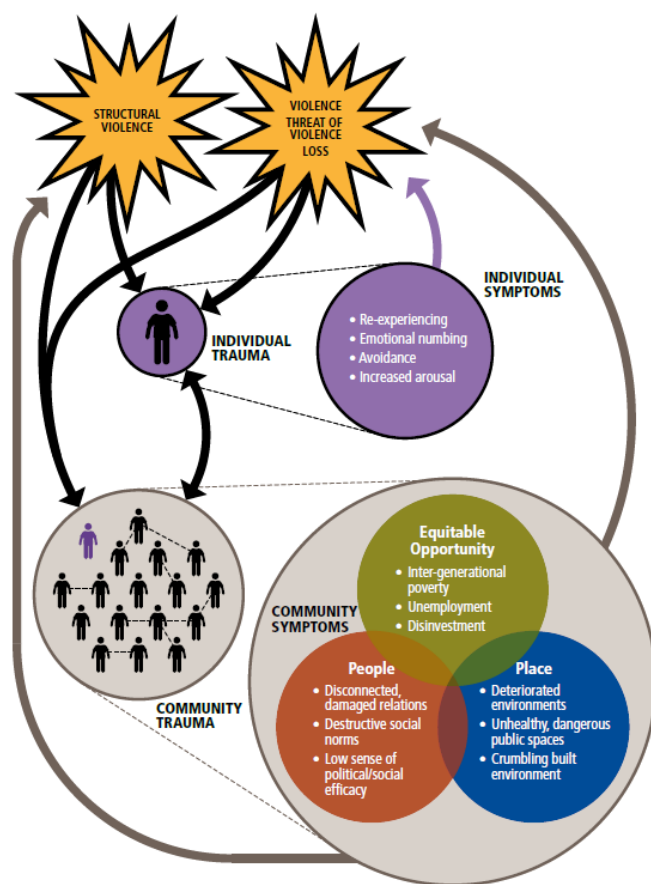


According to the research noted in *Adverse Community Experiences and Resilience: A Framework for Addressing and Preventing Community Trauma*; A community can have several inter-related manifestations of trauma. Symptoms can be present in: the social-cultural environment (the people); the physical/built environment (the place), including infrastructure and public services; and the opportunities afforded in the economic and educational environment which is made up of the local economy and educational institutions (Pinderhughes H, Davis R, Williams M., 2015). These three aspects of the community environment are described below:

THE SOCIAL-CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT

The economic and social processes that result in the concentration of poverty and the urban decay of inner city neighborhoods also

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Adverse Community Experiences and Resilience **THEMES AND FINDINGS**

The *Healthy People 2020* initiative includes 13 measurable objectives related to violence prevention. The objective to reduce homicides has been selected as a Healthy People 2020 Leading Health Indicator. Progress to achieve these objectives can save thousands of lives, reduce the suffering of victims and their families, and decrease financial cost to the law enforcement and healthcare systems. The role that health care and public health professional can and do have in violence prevention is critical and extends beyond just caring for victims to also include preventing violence before it happens.

Health care and public health professional goals should be prevention at the population level to improve the health of the entire community or society. Prevention at the population level requires input from and coordination across sectors, including health, education, social services, justice, and policy. The model used by public health is multidisciplinary, incorporating science from healthcare, epidemiology, sociology, psychology, criminology, education, and economics.

The HealthyPeople.gov website provides an implementation framework, called MAP-IT, which describes key steps and resources to help users Mobilize, Assess, Plan, Implement, and Track progress (U.S. DHHS, 2013f). This framework is a helpful resource for planning and evaluating public health interventions to achieve Healthy People 2020

objectives. Healthy People 2020 provides resources, tools, and “field notes” describing an example from a specific location for each of these steps in the MAP-IT framework.

Violence is a preventable public health problem. The public health approach to violence prevention works with multiple sectors including health care when using science and data to understand patterns in violence and implement effective prevention strategies to reduce risk for violence at the population level. Health care professionals are routinely involved in responses to violence after it occurs. However, there are creative, evidence-based approaches, prevention strategies and several resources that professionals can use to become involved in helping reduce and prevent violence in the community.

Table. Healthy People 2020 Violence Prevention Objectives

Objective	Baseline (Year)	Target	Data Source
IVP-29 Reduce homicides (age adjusted, per 100,000 population)*	6.1 (2007)	5.5	National Vital Statistics System-Mortality (NVSS-M), CDC/NCHS
IVP-30 Reduce firearm-related deaths (age adjusted, per 100,000 population)	10.3 (2007)	9.3	National Vital Statistics System-Mortality (NVSS-M), CDC/NCHS
IVP-31 Reduce nonfatal firearm-related injuries (per 100,000 population)	20.7 (2007)	18.6	National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS), CPSC
IVP-32 Reduce nonfatal physical assault injuries (age adjusted, emergency department visits per 100,000 population)	512.5 (2008)	461.2	National Electronic Injury Surveillance System-All Injury Program (NEISS-AIP), CDC/NCHS and CPSC
IVP-33 Reduce physical assaults (per 1,000 population, 12+ years)	21.3 (2008)	19.2	National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), DOJ/BJS
IVP-34 Reduce physical fighting among adolescents (percent, students in grades 9 through 12)	31.5 (2009)	28.4	Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), CDC/NCHSTP
IVP-35 Reduce bullying among adolescents (percent, students in grades 9 through 12)	19.9 (2009)	17.9	Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), CDC/NCHSTP
IVP-36 Reduce weapon carrying by adolescents on school property (percent, students in grades 9 through 12)	5.6 (2009)	4.6	Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), CDC/NCHSTP
IVP-37 Reduce child maltreatment deaths (per 100,000 population, <18 years)	2.3 (2008)	2.1	National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), ACF
IVP-38 Reduce nonfatal child maltreatment (per 1,000 population, <18 years)	9.4 (2008)	8.5	National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), ACF
IVP-41 Reduce nonfatal intentional self-harm injuries (age adjusted, emergency department visits per 100,000 population)	124.9 (2008)	112.4	National Electronic Injury Surveillance System-All Injury Program (NEISS-AIP), CDC/NCHS and CPSC
IVP-42 Reduce children's exposure to violence (percent, <18 years)	58.8 (2008)	52.9	National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence (NatSCEV), DOJ/OJJDP
IVP-43 Increase the number of States and the District of Columbia that link data on violent deaths from death certificates, law enforcement, and coroner and medical examiner reports to inform prevention efforts at the State and local levels	16 states (2009)	50 states and DC	National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS), CDC/NCHS

Healthcare providers can be part of the solution by playing a leadership role, “[They can] provide the leadership to bring the police and the Health Department together ... and when there’s a hearing [they can come] to support the Health Department’s budget. I can assure you they’ll always come down for Medicaid hearings ... But having them come down to talk about the budget request for programs that do this kind of work would be enormously helpful.”

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What can physicians and medical professionals do to prevent and address violence in our communities?

Many question physicians and other health care professionals' involvement in violence prevention. Violence negatively affects the health of victims those who witness violence and the communities they reside in. It acts like an epidemic disease which can be effectively prevented using a multi-pronged approach which includes health and hospital based violence intervention and prevention methods.

The Movement towards Violence as a Health Issue promotes the application of an equity lens to all prevention work and advocacy to ensure efforts to reduce violence contain an explicit focus on also reducing inequities. Similar to other health inequities, violence disproportionately affects groups that have been marginalized due to their socioeconomic status, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability status, geographic location, or some combination of these factors (www.violenceepidemic.org, 2017).

The Movement towards Violence as a Health Issue Collaborative consists of over 400 individuals representing more than 100 organizations across the country dedicated to activating the health and community response to violence. The Initiative, which began in July of 2015, is led by Former Surgeon General Dr. Davidatcher, Former Dean of Johns Hopkins School of Public Health Dr. Al Sommer, and CEO/Founder of Cure Violence Dr. Gary Slutkin. They have developed a comprehensive health system framework which includes health sector responsibility (violenceepidemic.org). A health approach to violence prevention offers a solution to the devastating effects of all forms of violence, stabilizing families and communities in a healthy manner and moving the nation

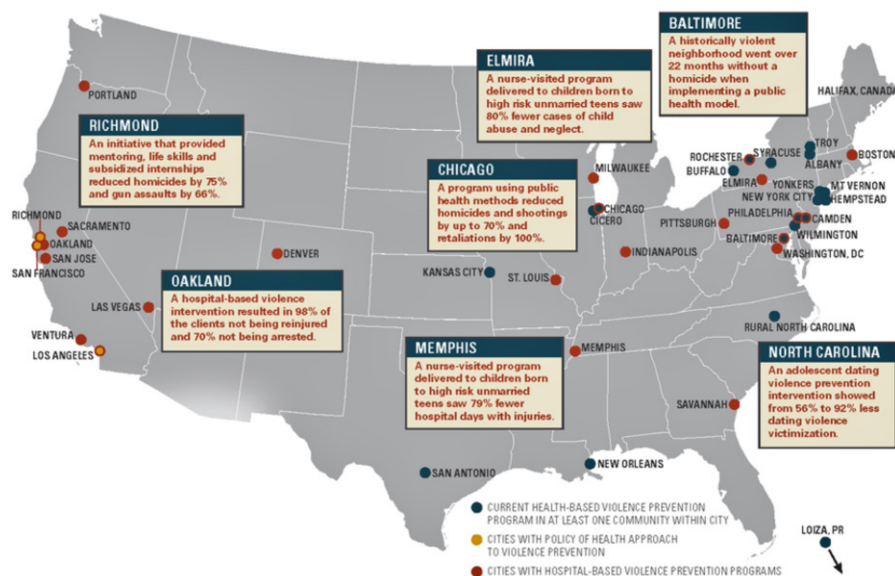
towards equity.

Prevention at the population level requires input from and coordination across sectors, including health care, education, social services, justice, policy and public health. The model used by the collaborative must be multidisciplinary, incorporating science from healthcare, epidemiology, sociology, psychology, criminology, education, and economics (Dahlberg & Krug, 2002).

Health care and public health professionals have the ability to bring a comprehensive solution to the African American community's multifaceted violence issues. Public health has a track record in addressing threats to the health equity, improving the health and safety of a population, and can maintain a focus on preventing violence before it occurs. Because violence is preventable, it is critical that collaborative efforts between public health and health care providers who understand effective, quality prevention are part of the leadership and implementation in efforts to reduce violence.

It is the desire of Sac Cultural Hub Media Foundation that you will be inspired to conduct your own research and use the resources we have provided in this booklet to either develop a framework for your specific goals or integrate the framework from the several sources we have cited in this booklet. Join local, state and national conversations around the topic of violence. Together we can change the tide from systems that compound the problem associated with violence to systems that collaborative to reduce violence, and the associated individual and community trauma.

Rigorous evaluations of health approaches to violence prevention and intervention have found reductions in injuries, shootings, and deaths – as well as new attitudes and safer norms. The **health approach works** to intervene, to prevent and to heal. For example:



Source: Violence as a Health Issue Collaborative - www.violenceepidemic.org

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Soul Village Cookoff & Wine Tasting at SAANC's 2017 Big Day of Giving Celebration



Thursday, May 4, 2017

5:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Sojourner Truth Multicultural Art Museum

2251 Florin Road in South Sacramento

You must RSVP via eventbrite.com (search Soul Village Cookoff)

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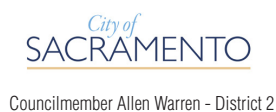
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