Division of Violence Prevention

Health Equity Activities

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DVP’s 5-Year Strategic Vision

Guiding Principles

- Advance economic, gender, and racial equity
- Address factors that cut across multiple forms of violence
- Enhance positive relationships and environments
- Prioritize efforts that create societal- and community-level impact
By December 2025, 100% of newly funded violence prevention programmatic recipients will incorporate approaches to reduce racial or ethnic inequities in ACEs or other forms of violence

Select Key Milestones

• By September 2022, identify prevention strategies with theoretical or empirical evidence for reducing racial/ethnic inequities in violence or key risk factors for violence
• By May 2022, release a new Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancement and Leadership Through Alliances (DELTA) NOFO with a focus on prevention strategies to reduce racial/ethnic inequities in intimate partner violence
• By September 2022, review current annual progress reviews for Preventing Violence Affecting Young Lives (PREVAYL) recipients to assess use of prevention strategies that address racial inequities in violence

DVP will track the following indicators:

• Proportion of awardees implementing strategies to reduce racial or ethnic inequities in ACEs or other forms of violence
By December 2026, support rigorous evaluation of at least 5 innovative programs, policies, or practices for reducing racial or ethnic inequities in risk for ACEs and other forms of violence

Select Key Milestones

• By September 2021, fund National Centers of Excellence in Youth Violence Prevention, RO1s/grants, K01 training grants, and research cooperative agreements with focus on reducing racial/ethnic inequities

• By December 2021, release FY22 research NOFOs with focus on reducing inequities and work with ERPO to track awards issued that explicitly focus on the reduction of racial/ethnic inequities in violence

• By September 2022, develop FY23 project concepts for research NOFOs with focus on rigorously evaluating programs, policies and practices to reduce racial/ethnic inequities in violence

DVP will track the following indicators:

• Collaborate with ERPO and grantees to assess the effectiveness of prevention strategies that focus on reducing racial or ethnic inequities in violence outcomes
By December 2024, provide the first data set and summary report linking NVDRS data with social determinants of health (SDH) data to assess drivers of racial and ethnic inequities in violence.

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• By May 2022, in collaboration with DIP and DOP, identify a key set of SDH variables for inclusion in routine/annual reporting of violence outcomes.
• By August 2022, establish protocols and develop programs for linking NVDRS and SDH variables.
• By August 2022, develop tools and training for funded entities to geocode data and begin planning for dissemination.

DVP will track the following indicators:

• Release of updated NVDRS Restricted Access Data for use by internal and external researchers that includes the SDH variables.
• Release of the first summary report using the linked data.
How is racism operating here?

Structural Determinants of Health Inequities lead to Intermediary (or social) Determinants of Health

Structural Determinants of Health Inequities include two sections of Sociopolitical and Economic Context and Socioeconomic Position (of groups)

Sociopolitical and Economic Context includes Governance, Macroeconomic Policies, Social policies, Public Policies, Culture & Societal Values

Socioeconomic Position of groups includes social class, gender, race/ethnicity, education, occupation, and income/wealth

Collective Efficacy and building capacity and power impact Socioeconomic position (of groups) and intermediary determinants of health

Intermediary (or social) Determinants of Health includes Material Circumstances (Living and working conditions, food availability, etc.), Psychosocial Factors (Social environment), and Behavior & Biological Factors

Health systems are connected to material circumstances, psychosocial factors, and behavior & biological factors

Intermediary (or social) Determinants of Health lead to impact of equity in health and well-being

Historical injustices and trauma

~ Historical Injustices and Trauma ~
~ Life course Influence ~

Select Examples of Health Equity Activities

➢ Race & Violence Workgroup health equity/WHO framework trainings
➢ Updated ACE’s research priorities, with a focus on health equity
➢ Collection of papers on narrative change as strategy to prevent racial/ethnic health inequities, ACEs & future risk of substance misuse
➢ Developed and released Guidance for Addressing Racial and Ethnic Inequities in Risk for Violence in DVP Research
➢ Developed a Vital Signs describing increasing firearm homicide and suicide rates and widening inequities
➢ Listening sessions with CV partners and advocates
➢ Evaluating policies to prevent incarceration, ACEs & violence
➢ RVW structural racism and violence literature scan
"Growing up in the community, communities experience brutal and extreme violence—members adopt a survival mode mentality. Behavior becomes survival and not a choice. Decision makers do not understand the root causes of violence."

Participant, CV listening session

Imagine you are in a community that is safe and welcoming for everyone – what would that look like?
Disrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline

A 59-jurisdiction scan of laws and proposed legislation (2018-2021) that support the use of Restorative Justice practices in K-12 education

Identified both enacted and proposed policies aimed at preventing exclusionary discipline, establishing a positive school climate, preventing racial disparities in school discipline, among other goals

Next steps: expand policy database to increase range of years (2014-2021) to better inform policy analyses

Image Credit: ASTHO
Racism and Violence Literature Scan

Explore connections between racism & violence in the literature.

- Database
- Dashboard

Tool may be used to inform:
- Concept development
- Agenda setting activities
- TA provision
- Communication approaches
- Policy and partnership strategic planning

Racism
- Structural Determinants
- Socioeconomic Position
- Living & Working Conditions
- Violence Outcomes