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THE CARDIFF MODEL FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION TOOLKIT: AN INTRODUCTION

More than half of violent crime in the United States is not reported to law enforcement, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. That means cities and communities lack a complete understanding of where violence occurs, which limits the ability to develop successful solutions.

The Cardiff Violence Prevention Model provides a way for communities to gain a clearer picture about where violence is occurring by combining and mapping both hospital and police data on violence.

But more than just an approach to map and understand violence, the Cardiff Model provides a straightforward framework for hospitals, law enforcement agencies, public health agencies, community groups, and others interested in violence prevention to work together and develop collaborative violence prevention strategies.

The toolkit includes a printable poster, infographic, and these guidance materials:

- What Is the Cardiff Model?
- Hospital Guidance
- Law Enforcement Guidance
- Legal, Technical, and Financial Considerations
- Building Partnerships
- External Communications and Media Relations
- Readiness Checklist

All materials are available for download at www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/fundedprograms/cardiffmodel.

The Cardiff Model is a promising solution to prevent violence. We encourage you to use these materials to create a broad partnership to prevent violence in your community.

Sincerely,
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