

# NCIPC DIVISION OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION

## 5-YEAR STRATEGIC VISION

Violence is a widespread public health problem that impacts all of us and occurs in many forms, such as:

- Child abuse and neglect
- Youth violence
- Intimate partner violence
- Child sexual abuse
- Sexual violence
- Elder abuse

Experiencing violence has a profound impact on lifelong health, opportunity, and well-being. Individuals exposed to violence are often at higher risk of developing physical and mental health conditions, experiencing other forms of violence, and experiencing educational or job challenges. These significant consequences jeopardize the health and well-being of families and communities and cost society hundreds of billions of dollars in medical care and lost productivity. Yet decades of research have proven that violence is preventable and have identified evidence-based policies, programs, and practices that reduce violence and its health and social consequences.

### DVP'S CRITICAL ROLE

For nearly 40 years, CDC's Division of Violence Prevention (DVP) has utilized and shared the best available data and conducted research to identify what works to prevent various forms of violence. DVP brings together partners and connects data, science, and action to inform the development, implementation, and sustainability of violence prevention strategies proven to be effective. **Three strategic priorities that will focus our efforts over the next five years are detailed in the circles to the right.**

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The foundation for how we approach this work and make decisions is grounded in four principles:

- Advance economic, gender, and racial equity
- Enhance positive relationships and environment
- Address factors that cut across multiple forms of violence
- Prioritize efforts that create societal- and community-level impact

### VISION

A **violence-free society** in which all people and communities are **safe, healthy, and thriving.**

### MISSION

DVP is committed to stopping violence before it happens. We provide leadership and build bridges across sectors to use data and conduct research to inform prevention activities. We also identify, evaluate, and apply solutions to this preventable public health problem. We focus our efforts on those at greatest risk for violence to elevate the health and well-being of all people.

### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

#### Increase the number of people exposed to prevention strategies proven to reduce violence

Decades of research have identified effective violence prevention strategies, yet widespread implementation has not been achieved. DVP collaborates with funded recipients and other partners to disseminate, implement, and scale-up proven strategies.

#### Expand understanding of how to prevent firearm-related injuries and deaths

Firearm-related injuries are among the five leading causes of death for people aged 1-64. Yet critical gaps remain in our understanding of the causes and effective prevention strategies. DVP supports research that addresses these gaps to keep individuals, families, schools, workplaces, and communities safe.

#### Reduce adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)

Violence is a leading cause of death for young people (0-24 years of age). The experience of violence and other adversities in childhood can impair physical, emotional, and social development and diminish lifelong health and opportunity. DVP identifies, develops, and disseminates prevention strategies that protect children and youth from ACEs and their consequences.