



Public Health Approaches to Violence Prevention

City Council Study Session - April 20, 2021

A Brief History of Violence Prevention in Long Beach

- 1989-2003: Human Relations Commission was established and began a focus on youth and gang violence. Recommendations were made but unfunded.
- 2007-2011: \$1 million Weed and Seed grant from DOJ to serve in Police Beats 4,5,7 which led to a 24% reduction in crime in central Long Beach.
- 2008: \$400k CalGRIP gang reduction grant.
- 2014: Safe Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan launched focusing on family, school and community violence.
- 2015: \$500k State CalGRIP funding for My Sister's Keeper Human Trafficking.
- 2015: \$529k DOJ grant to support trauma informed training for professionals working with families and children.
- 2016: \$600k State grant for Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations Grant focusing on implicit bias and procedural justice training for law enforcement.
- 2018: Long Beach Justice Lab.

Safe Long Beach towards Long Beach Advancing Peace

Safe Long Beach – Launched May 2014 – Transitioned to DHHS November 2017

- Hosted training in the areas of trauma informed approaches, preventing bullying, implicit bias training for Police Department and family protective factors to a cross-sector collaborative
- Partnered with 45 local organizations to develop My Brother's Keeper action plan
- Supported 6 Community Policing Academy session with 135 community participants and held 2 community-police dialogues with 35 residents
- 4 LBUSD schools implemented the All in School attendance campaign
- City Council votes in November 2017 to move violence prevention to the Health Department
- Refocused to place-based efforts in June 2018 and collaborative restructured in 2019
- Adopted Racial Reconciliation Framework August 2020 – adopted as workplan for violence prevention by collaborative in November 2020
- Awarded BSCC Long Beach Activating Safe Communities grant to address gun violence

Public Health
Approach:
Prevention &
Intervention



Public Health Approach: Prevention & Intervention

UPSTREAM

- Healthy birth outcomes
- Strong families
- Financial stability
- Safe, affordable housing
- Early childhood education
- PK-6 education
- Access to healthy foods/safe exercise
- Access to health care

UPSTREAM

- Community Engagement & Power Building
- Collective Vision and Effort
- Capacity Building for Service Networks

DOWNSTREAM

- Building Social Capital
- Workforce learning & training pipeline
- Healthy adult relationships
- Access to healthy foods/safe exercise
- Safe Spaces to gather

INTERVENTION

- Violence Interruption
- Opportunity Youth Programming
- Youth Diversion
- Police Interventions

Youth Development Across the Life Course (Early Child to Age 24)

Mental Health Supports and Substance Use Treatment

Sustainability of Violence Prevention: Investments and Policies

Public Health Approach: Prevention & Intervention

UPSTREAM

- Black Infant Health
- Women Infants & Children
- Nurse Family Partnership
- Family Planning
- All Children Thrive/ECE
- Strengthening Families
- Fatherhood
- Housing Authority
- Healthy Active LB
- Medi-Cal Outreach

UPSTREAM

- Long Beach Collaborative (LBC)
- Office of Youth Development
- My Brother's Keeper (MBK)
- Neighborhood Services

DOWNSTREAM

- Office of Youth Development
- Internships
- Mentorships
- Healthy Active LB
- Youth safe places and recreational space
- Trauma & Resiliency
- LBPD Walks Program

INTERVENTION

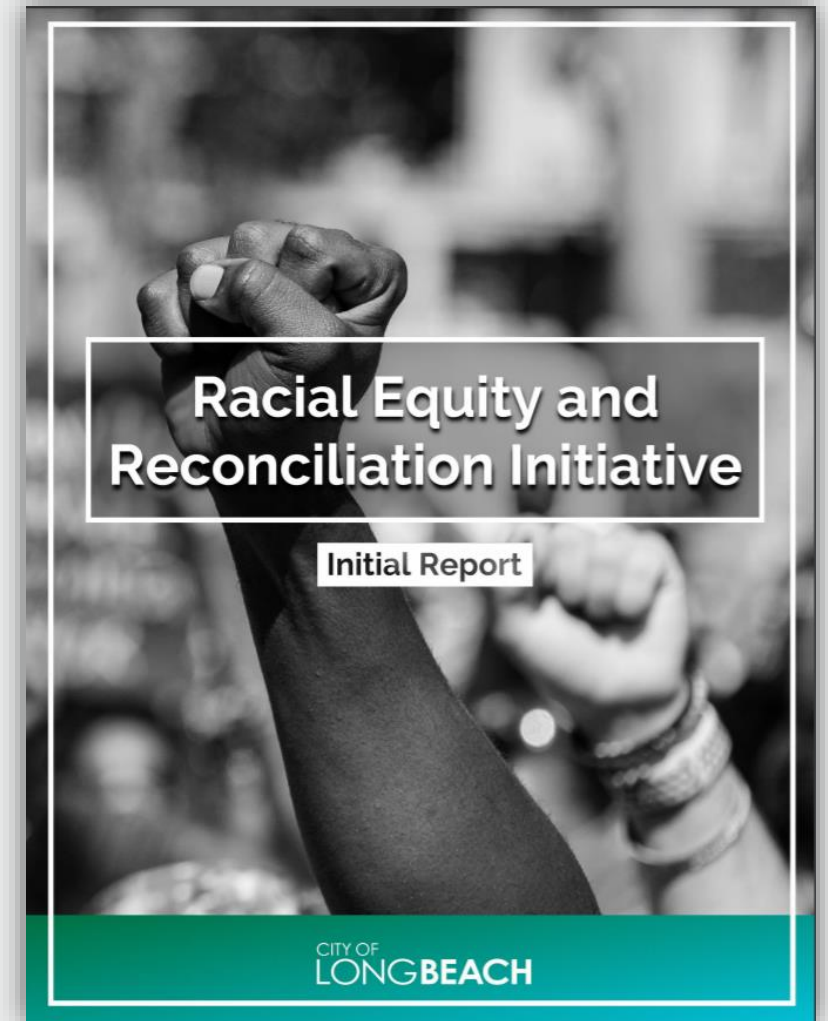
- Long Beach Activating Safe Communities(LB ASC)
- Re-entry Services
- My Sister's Keeper
- Neighborhood Safe Streets Initiative

Mental Health Supports and Substance Use Treatment

Investments and Policies to Support

Racial Equity & Reconciliation Initiative

- Economic and racial inequities directly contribute to community violence.
- Historic policies, including housing segregation, deinstitutionalization of mental health services, war on drugs, mass incarceration, and lack of economic investment and opportunity have resulted in disparate safety outcomes for Black, Latinx, Cambodian community members.
- Policies and systems change to promote community safety must be rooted in anti-racism to improve social and economic conditions and improve safety across the City.



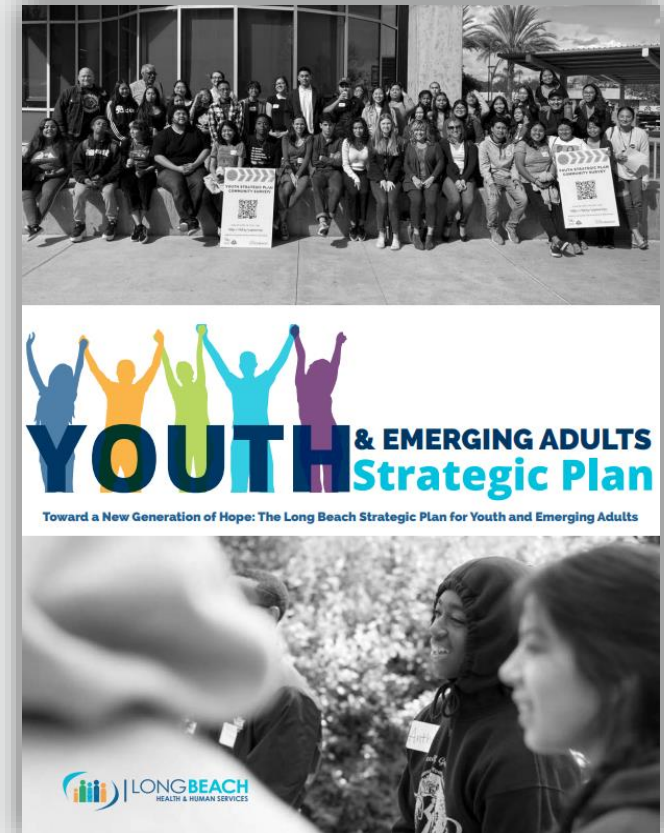
Upstream: Long Beach Collaborative (LBC)

- Vision: Create and sustain a city where everyone in Long Beach lives in safe communities, attends safe schools, and are contributing neighbors connected to their community.
- Launched in 2019 building off the work of Safe Long Beach.
- Community Steering Committee has been renamed to **Long Beach Advancing Peace**.
- Multisector collaborative focused on:
 - Increasing social connectedness.
 - Improving economic opportunities.
 - Fostering safe and healthy neighborhoods.
 - Creating trauma informed systems.
- Currently a place-based approach in Washington Neighborhood and at Stephens Middle School. Seeking to expand to other neighborhoods in LB.
- \$125k Racial Equity & Reconciliation Initiative.

Up & Downstream: Youth Development



- Funded 10 agencies to support projects that raised awareness of COVID-19 testing, resources and social emotional supports; engaged 2,460 youth in activities.
- Disseminated summer 2021 grant opportunity focused on building social youth capital, which includes project-based placements as well as to create safe places for youth engagement.
- Youth Forum will be held September 24-25 in partnership the LB Commission on Youth and Families.
- \$150k CARES Act, \$300k Reconciliation Funding; \$2 million LB Recovery Act.



Trauma Informed Long Beach (TRI LB)

- Launched in the Health Department in 2018 to create a trauma informed Long Beach.
 - Focused on reducing the impacts of trauma inadvertently activated by organizations and City Departments.
- Trained more than 450 staff members in Health, Library Services and Legislative team. Expanding to Parks, Recreation & Marine.
- Reviewing and adopting policies & practices to enhance delivery of services using a trauma and resiliency lens.
- Launched with \$150k First Five LA and Cal Endowment grant, \$300k LB Recovery Act to sustain.

Intervention: LB Activating Safe Communities (ASC)

- Three-year (\$1.1 million) CalVIP Grant from the Board of State Corrections and Community.
- Cross-departmental partnership (PD, PRM, PGWIN and DHHS).
- Focused on the Washington Neighborhood.
- Goals:
 - Creating a comprehensive and coordinated Gun Violence Response System for victims of gun violence.
 - Reducing gun violence through effective street outreach and intervention programming.
 - Activating safe community spaces to provide programs, resources and services in the Washington Neighborhood.

Intervention: LB Activating Safe Communities (ASC)

- Activities include:
 - Providing support to victims of gun violence.
 - Implementing a street outreach/interventionist model to prevent and interrupt gun violence.
 - Providing case management to 30 youth.
 - Hosting quarterly community engagement events to build social connectedness.
 - Supporting Be Safe at Seaside/14th street Parks.
- \$500k LB Recovery Act will continue to support efforts to eliminate gun violence in our most impacted communities through a various public health approaches to violence prevention.



Intervention: Reentry Program

- New program for implementation in summer 2021.
- Goals to serve people re-entering the City after incarceration:
 - Expand community-based services through capacity building and service coordination.
 - Support family reunification through two-generational family approaches.
 - Identify partners to develop a Center to serve formerly incarcerated individuals.
- Will issue \$100,000 in direct community capacity building grants to local organizations working with formerly incarcerated persons and their families.
- In partnership with Economic Development, DHHS will pilot an integrated community care model focused on mental health, employment and social entrepreneurship for formerly incarcerated persons and families.
- \$650k LB Recovery Act.

Intervention: Human Trafficking

- My Sister's Keeper program is funded by US Department of Justice and CA Office of Emergency Services.
- Provides services to sex- and labor-trafficking survivors.
- Refers survivors to the City Prosecutor's Court Diversion Program. Survivors avoid prosecution and have access to emergency housing, mental health, mentoring, workforce training and job placement; during COVID this program was expanded to accept referrals from outside sources.
- Program has developed a citywide awareness campaign, public service announcements and two provider trainings on trauma and resiliency to more than 100 service providers.
- 25 survivors served to date.
- Next iteration of the program will focus on transitional age youth 18-24.

Funding

- Racial Equity and Reconciliation Funding: \$1.1 million:
 - Office of Youth Development.
 - Violence Prevention and Reentry.
- CARES Act: \$150k:
 - Youth Serving Organizations.
- Long Beach Recovery Act: \$3.8 million:
 - LB Activating Safe Communities.
 - Reentry Pilot.
 - Youth Programming through Parks and Library.
 - Trauma Informed Efforts.
 - Youth Mentoring.
- **Total: \$5.05 million**



Thank you