ILLINOIS VIOLENCE PREVENTION AUTHORITY

FY 08-12 Strategic Plan and Programs

Goals:
1. Target resources for significant, measurable impact
2. Document measurable aggregate outcomes
3. Support ongoing efforts; provide t/a
4. Develop "Signature Programs: unique IVPA niche
5. Promote comprehensive, coordinated strategies
6. Engage state/local multi-disciplinary partnerships
7. Engage youth as activists and leaders in violence prevention
8. Promote systemic change
9. Build capacity of state/local efforts to conduct/evaluate effective vp programs

Strategies: A. Promote Peaceful Families B. Promote Healthy Youth Relationships C. Ensure That Children Exposed to Violence and Caregivers Receive Services

Safe From the Start	Funds community coalitions to provide services for children exposed to violence (CEV) and their families, and to conduct CEV education and prevention efforts. There are currently 12 sites operating in 8 communities (4 sites in Chicago).	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 A, C	• Reduction in clinical problems associated with exposure to violence • Reduction in caregiver stress associated with violence and caring for children expose to violence	• 1,568 children and adults served • 9,938 people reached though outreach	• Only State funded program in the country serving children exposed to violence; fills critical service gap • Program reaches extremely high risk children with high levels of clinical and sub-clinical problems • Wide range of clinical, case management and support services provided
IL Family Violence Coordinating Councils	Funds local family violence coordinating councils in all judicial circuits in Illinois (24). The IFVCC Councils work to improve local and state level family violence response systems.	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 A	• State and local improvements in response systems • Greater information exchange and referrals among agencies • Increased likelihood that emergency orders of protection become plenary orders	• 4,792 persons trained on family violence issues • 1,991 persons engaged in coordinating efforts	• Multi-system effort with strong judicial leadership/support • Councils limited by small amount of funding ($19.5k ea) • One of only a few states with this model
Youth-Led/Choose Respect Grants	Funds youth-led community violence prevention efforts directed at promoting healthy, non-violent relationships among youth and between youth and adults.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 A, B	• Youth experience an increase in knowledge and awareness of healthy relationships and relationship violence • Youth more able to talk with others about these issues	• 244 youth leaders trained and engaged in violence prevention • 6,700 youth reached by program	• Trains youth in violence prevention • Utilizes Choose Respect Program developed by CDC • Small grants result in wide reach across the state • Builds leaders for the future

Illinois Health Cares	Funds community coalitions to improve the health care system's response to and prevention of domestic violence, sexual assault and elder abuse.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 A	• Health providers more clinically prepared to deal with violence • Health care providers need ore professional development n dealing with elder abuse • Effects systems change	• 1,616 health care and service professionals trained • 16 counties impacted by program	• Collaboration with IDPH • Recognized nationally as a model program by STIPDA and Family Violence Prevention Fund • Funds leverage broad community buy-in and investment
Bullying Prevention	Funds school-based bullying prevention programs. Future plans call for family and youth engagement.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 B	• Youth more willing to intervene to help a friend being bullied • Lower levels of student acceptance of aggression • Teachers and staff perceive themselves to be more prepared to address bullying and more aware of school policies and procedures	• 10,762 youth reached by program • 54 schools engaged in program	• Only State Funded program specifically targeted to bullying prevention • Recent legislation broadens definition of bullying prevention
Chicago Project: Ceasefire	Funds the evaluation of the CeaseFire Project, a gun violence prevention program serving Chicago and other Illinois communities.	1, 2, 3, 6, 9 A	• Significant reduction in shootings and homicides in CeaseFire communities	• Annual evaluation reports submitted	• Supporting evaluation is good role for IVP • Viewed as national model
Collaborative Grants	Funds collaborative and technical assistance efforts that IVPA supports and/or is actively involved in implementing.	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 A, B, C	• Enhances state and local violence prevention efforts • Promotes collaborative, multi-disciplinary approaches • Provides funds to support and seed new initiatives	• 20 initiatives funded • 13,800 people reached through events, trainings, conferences, etc.	• Enables IVPA to support new, emerging initiatives such as ICMHP, youth courts, etc. • Builds partnerships • Extends the reach of IVPA • Effective mechanism for provision of technical assistance