

# Addressing Violence in Our Communities: Kaiser Permanente's Unique Approach



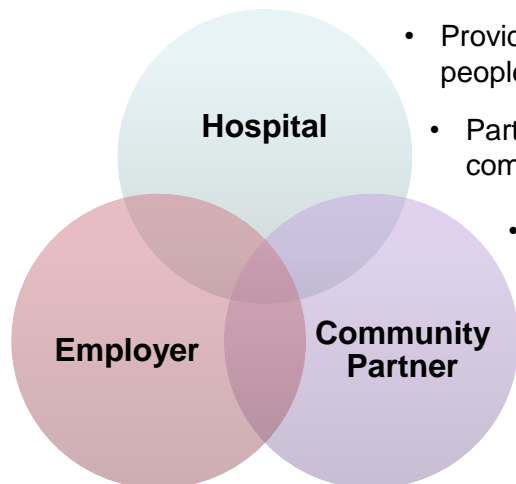
## Why do we invest in violence prevention?

As a health plan and hospital system we recognize violence as a public health issue that affects us all.

- **Homicide:** 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death for California youth ages 15 to 24.
- **Chronic disease:** Higher rates linked to childhood exposure to trauma.
- **1702 youth:** came to our emergency departments in 2012. 92% were assault victims; 8% were abuse victims.

## To maximize our impact, our unique approach:

- Engages a wide range Kaiser Permanente assets, including our clinical expertise and data to focus on prevention.



- Provides care and services to help people recover and heal.
- Partners with and invests in community organizations.
- Provides assistance programs to our physicians, care professionals, and employees.
- Offers youth programs including Educational Theatre and summer internships promote healthy alternatives to violence.

## Our goals:



## Strategies:

We've provided more than \$10 million in funding for community programs and evidence-based strategies such as:

- Hospital based, emergency department interventions.
- Health care delivery improvements.
- Neighborhood revitalization (safe public places).
- School based health centers.
- Targeted gang and offender interventions.
- After-school programs and youth centers.
- Social and emotional skill building.

**Violence is preventable.**

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