

TORONTO YOUTH EQUITYSTRATEGY



Defining the target population

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THE REVIEW OF THE **rootsofyouthviolence**



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Prevention Intervention Toronto (PIT)

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Youth gangs and gang violence have been an issue within Toronto's socially disadvantaged communities for several decades. Toronto's gang-related deaths peaked in 2003 at 35, and have since ranged between 14 and 30 a year. In 2010, Toronto had the fourth-highest rate of gangcalarah,homicides per capita of any major Canadian city, Vinninge, Vapenuera and Montreal In 2008. an



Fragmented paths to youth development

January 30, 2008



From Analysis to Action:

A Collective Approach To Eliminate Youth Violence

A Report Prepared for the Youth Anti-Violence Task Force



Youth Policy: What Works and What Doesn't?

A Review of Youth Policy Models From Canada and Other Jurisdictions

February 2008









Building on existing knowledge





Deep Roots of Youth Violence

Poverty

Racism

Community Design

Education

Family Issues

Health

Economic Opportunity

Justice





Vulnerable youth spectrum







Each action contains three

key elements for accountability and monitoring:

Clearly identified lead program area with responsibility to implement

Timeframe for implementation

Identified progress measure(s) to

track the status of each action



Accountability

5C) TYES Table Appointed champions from youth-serving program areas. Tasked with coordinating the crosscorporate work and evaluation of the TYES.

6B) Mental health

Toronto Community Housing Post Traumatic Stress Project Pilot

7A) Family support & skills development
Storybook Parents High
Risk Youth Pilot

17 B) Alternatives to Criminalization Pre-charge diversion **11 C) Economic opportunities** High-Engagement Employment Strategy for Youth with Criminal Records

17 A) Alternatives to Criminalization Restorative justice pilot 21 B) Risk-driven community safety FOCUS Expansion



Starting Actions

9J)Invest in educational attainment programs inclusive of youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious violence and crime.

9F) Address bullying in schools and the community with a focus on children/youth who are vulnerable to developing antisocial behaviours. **28F)** Develop agreements and data systems to collect data on key demographic variables for youth, including youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious violence and crime, to enable the City to plan and develop more effective interventions and monitor progress on areas of action.

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Next Steps: Identify adjustments, additional actions and partnership opportunities

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