

SafeTO:

TORONTO'S TEN-YEAR COMMUNITY SAFETY AND
WELL-BEING PLAN

MULTI-SECTOR VIOLENCE REDUCTION
School Boards Advisory Committee
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What is SafeTO?



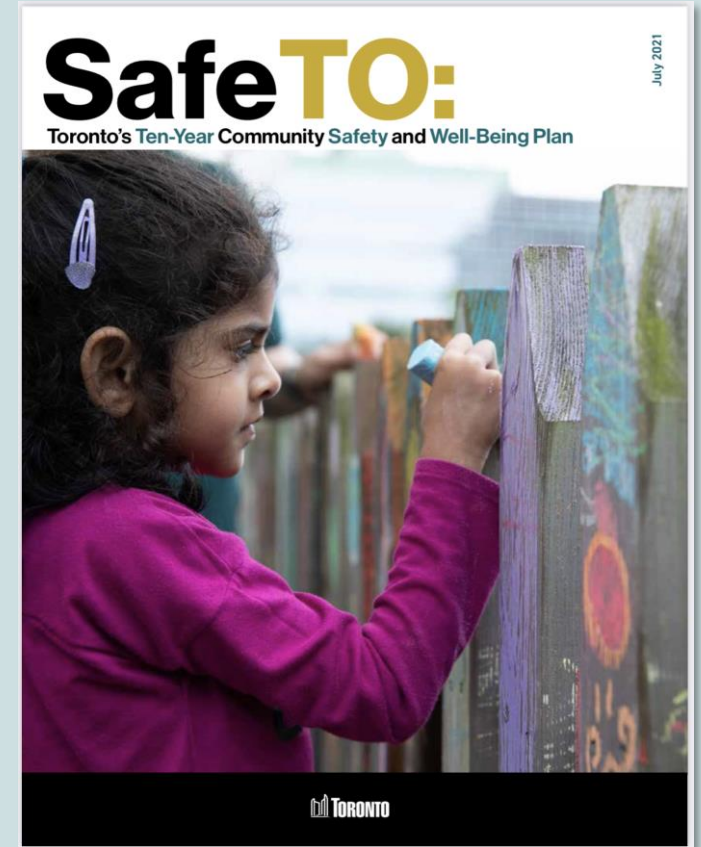
SafeTO is the City of Toronto's **comprehensive ten-year plan** to advance community safety and well-being.



It requires a **fundamental shift** in the way we think and act to achieve lasting and transformative change.



SafeTO provides a **roadmap** for how the City and social systems that serve Torontonians — such as community services, businesses, and healthcare, education and justice systems — can **work collaboratively across sectors** and with **all orders of government** to support community safety and well-being.



SafeTO's 26 actions span seven strategic goals:



Phase One: Implementation

ACTION
1.3 Embed the **Toronto Community Crisis Service** as a well-resourced, first response service city-wide

»» TCCS city-wide expansion in 2024

ACTION
2.3 Strengthen **community crisis response protocols** to better support victims and communities impacted by violence

»» **Community Crisis Response Program service expansion and community well-being and recovery investment**

ACTION
2.1 Develop a comprehensive, multi-sector **gun violence reduction plan**

»» **Establishment of the Toronto Violence Prevention Office**

ACTION
7.1 Develop a comprehensive strategy to **share, integrate and analyze data** across multiple institutions

»» **Establishment of the SafeTO Collaborative Analytics & Learning Environment (SCALE)**

Objectives :

Apply an All of System Public Health Approach to the Coordination of Gun Violence Prevention, Intervention Response and Recovery

Systematically integrate gun violence reduction investments

Empower Locally Driven Community-Based Violence Intervention

Prioritize Data, Advanced Analytics and Insights to Inform Operations and Decision Making

Effective Communication



Governance

- Executive Leadership Table
- Steering Committee
- Lived Experience Advisory Committee
- Partnership Table
- Integrated Safety Coordination Teams

Staff Composition

- Backbone Support – Project Management, Policy Development, Issue Management, Communications and Advanced Analytics through SCALE
- Dedicated Institutional Staff from City, TDSB, TPS, TCHC
- Institutional Leads from TCDSB, TTC, SOLGEN, MAG, MCCSS

Network of existing committees, funded programs and community partners

- Youth Violence Prevention Programs
- Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs
- Gang Prevention and Intervention Programs
- Family Well-Being Programs
- Justice Programs
- Safety Committees and Intervention Tables



Toronto Community Housing



Applying a Public Health Approach

In 2019, Toronto City Council adopted a Toronto Board of Health report identifying community violence in Toronto as a public health issue

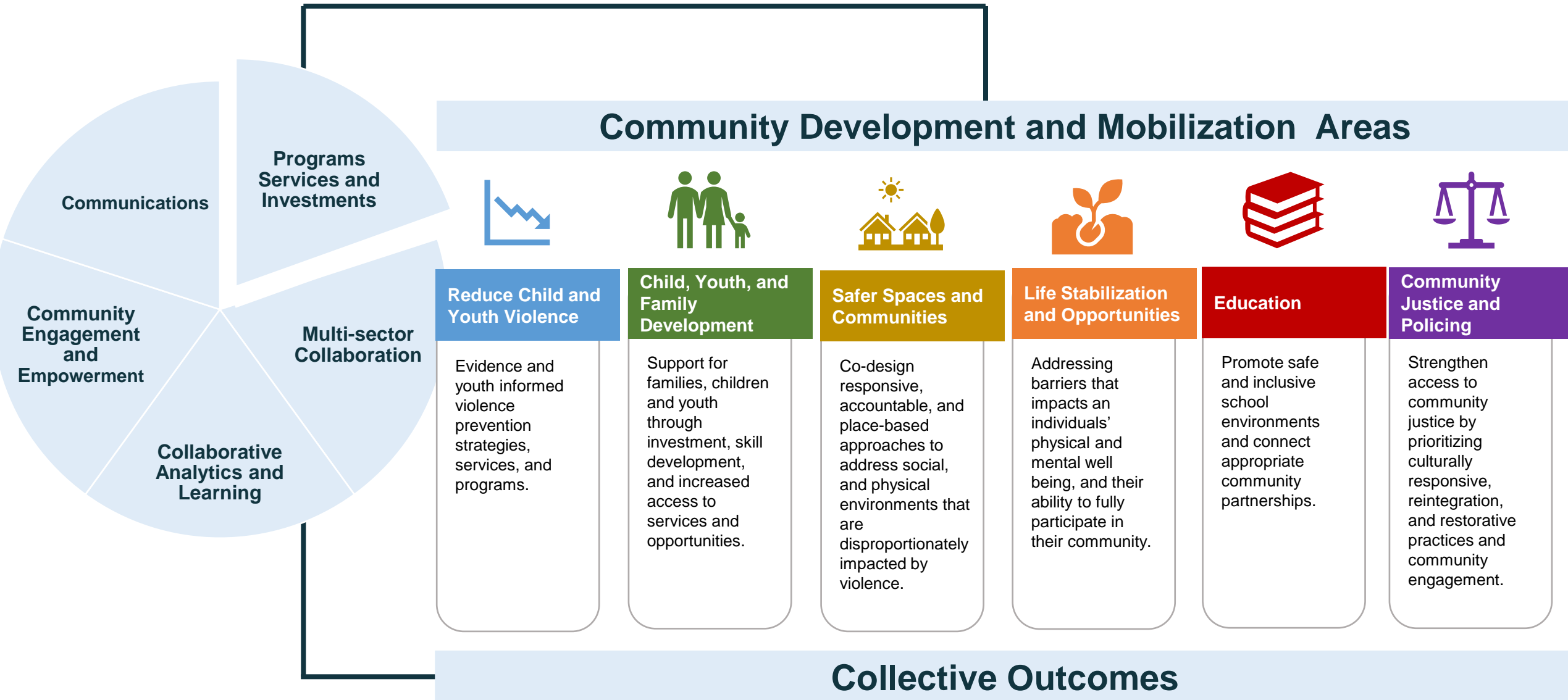
Public Health Approach



1. Define the Problem
2. Identify its Causes, Risk and Protective Factors
3. Develop and Test Prevention Strategies
4. Scale it if it works

Place	Population	Risk	Intervention
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Defined Geography and Micro-geographies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individuals• Families• Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proximity to Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prevention• Intervention• Response and Recovery

An All of System Approach to Violence Prevention



SafeTO Examples of Effective Collaboration

Strategy and Infrastructure

- TDSB Adoption of SafeTO
- Embedded TDSB Staff and dedicated TCDSB Lead in Toronto Violence Prevention Office and the SafeTO Collaborative Analytics Lab

Protocol Development

- Implemented Violent Threat Risk Assessments and Life Stabilization supports

Enhanced Responsiveness

- TDSB and TCDSB participation on FOCUS Toronto, and Integrated Safety Coordination Teams
- Integrated crisis response, recovery and healing

Engagement

- Strengthening School Community and Well-Being Symposiums
- SafeTObia Engagement with TDSB
- Organized Toronto Northwest Youth Violence Prevention Forum with TDSB and TCDSB
- Education Training Capacity Building Sessions including Non-violence Crisis Intervention
- Community Service Fairs with TDSB
- Safety Tables

Investment

- Aligning City funded Youth Violence Prevention Investments with TDSB and TCDSB strategies



City Programs to Support Schools

Violence Prevention	Violence Intervention/Interruption	Violence Response and Recovery
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Liaison Public Health Nurses • Sexual Health Promotion • EarlyON Child and Family Centres • Family Well-being Pilot • Toronto Child and Family Network • Youth Outreach Workers • Enhanced Youth Spaces • Community Healing Project • Community PEERS • Restorative Justice • Youth Violence Prevention Grants • Toronto Youth Partnerships for Employment • Toronto Employment & Social Services Case Management • TCHC Violence Reduction Program • TCHC Youth Worx 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Prosper • TO Wards Peace • FOCUS Toronto • Justice Centres • Life Stabilization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Crisis Response Program • Violence Well-being and Recovery Program • Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs

Toronto Violence Prevention Office

Opportunities for Further Collaboration

Description	Board Identified			
	TDSB	TCDSB	CSCM	CSV
Adoption and Implementation of SafeTO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt the SafeTO Community Safety and Well-being Framework and work with the City and other multi-sector partners to Implement using a consistent mission and vision Embed or identify lead staff to work with the City and partners 			X	X
Protocol Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop enhanced information sharing protocols with the City and the Toronto Violence Prevention Office Response and Recovery protocols with CCRP Update or Innovate Joint Violent Threat Risk Assessments 	X	X	X	X
Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in the School Community Safety & Well-being Symposium Participate in SafeTO Violence Prevention Working Groups including the Youth Outreach Worker and Schools relationship working groups Engage Students and Staff in Implementation Joint Programming 	X	X	X	X
Investment Integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify opportunities that leverage existing board infrastructure including space to support community engagement in violence prevention initiatives 	X	X	X	X
Communication Campaign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-develop and Design a Violence Prevention Communication Plan 	X	X	X	X

Thank you.

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