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Community-Academic Collaboration to Prevent Violence in Chicago

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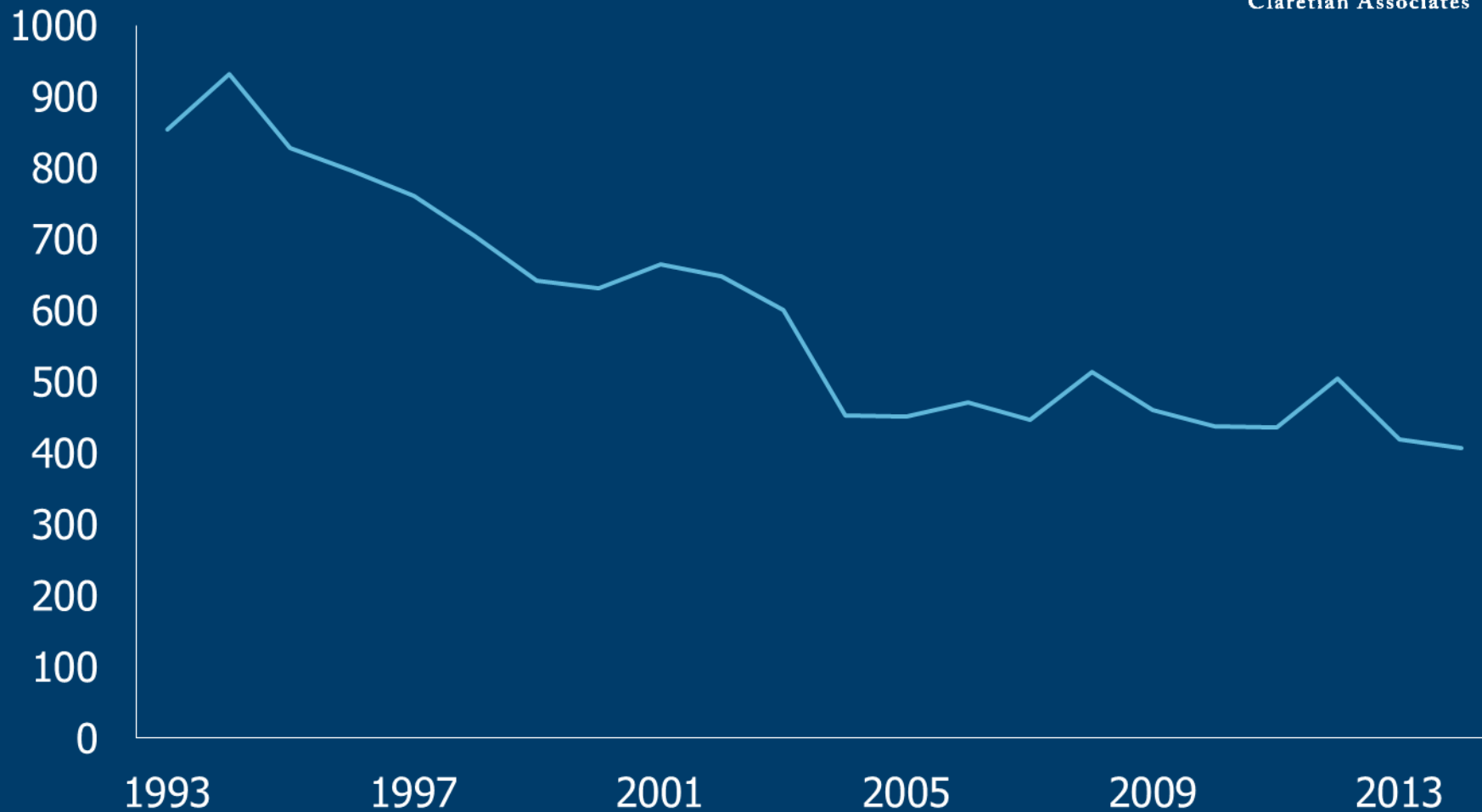
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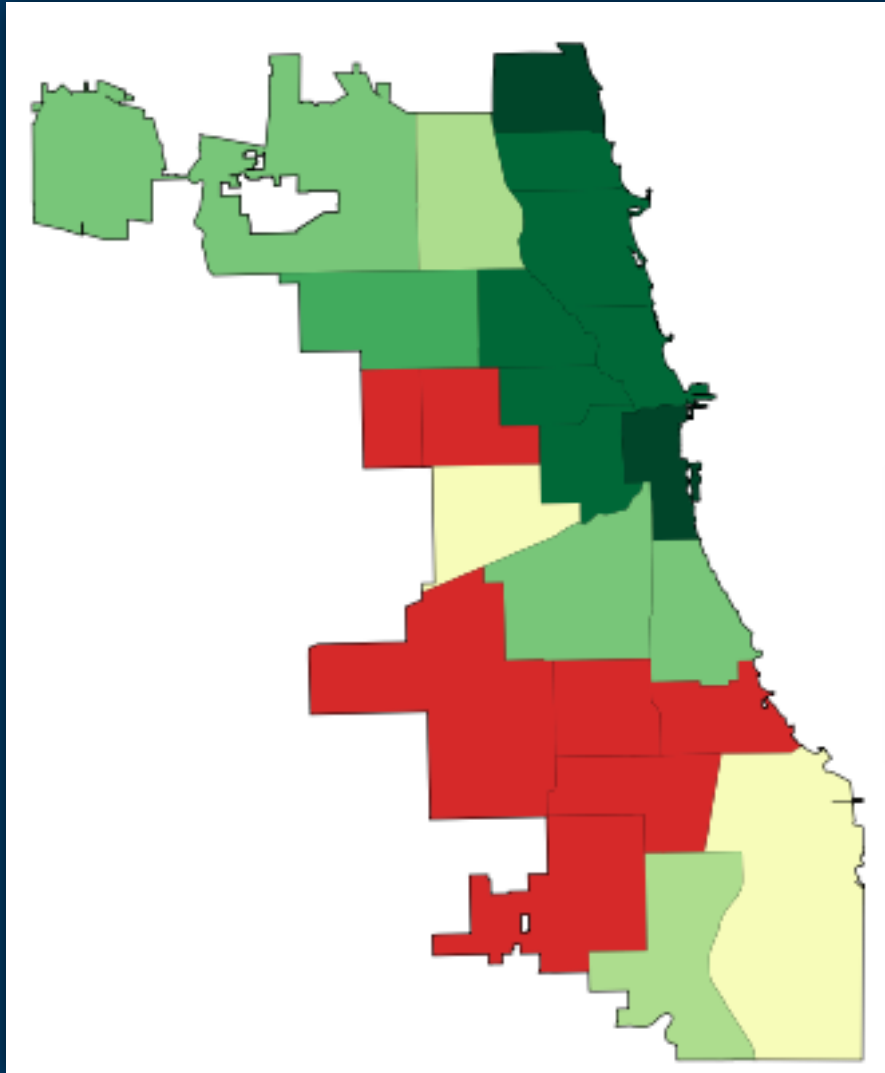


Number of Homicides in Chicago, 1993-2014

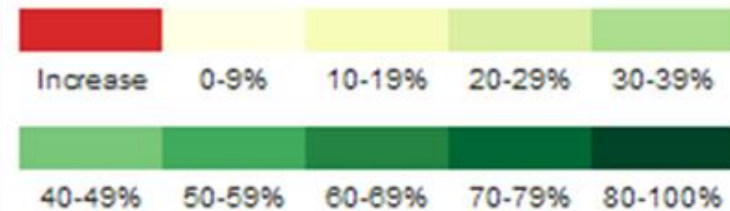




Violence Disparities



Decline in Homicide Rate, Early 90s - Late 2000s



Source: Daniel Kay Hertz, "We've Talked About Homicide in Chicago At Least One Million Times But I Don't Think This Has Come Up," August 5, 2013 (danielkayhertz.com)



Why This Project?

- Difference perceptions of violence
- Violence research with little input from people affected
- Research may not make a difference
- Build on work of Strengthening Chicago's Youth (SCY)



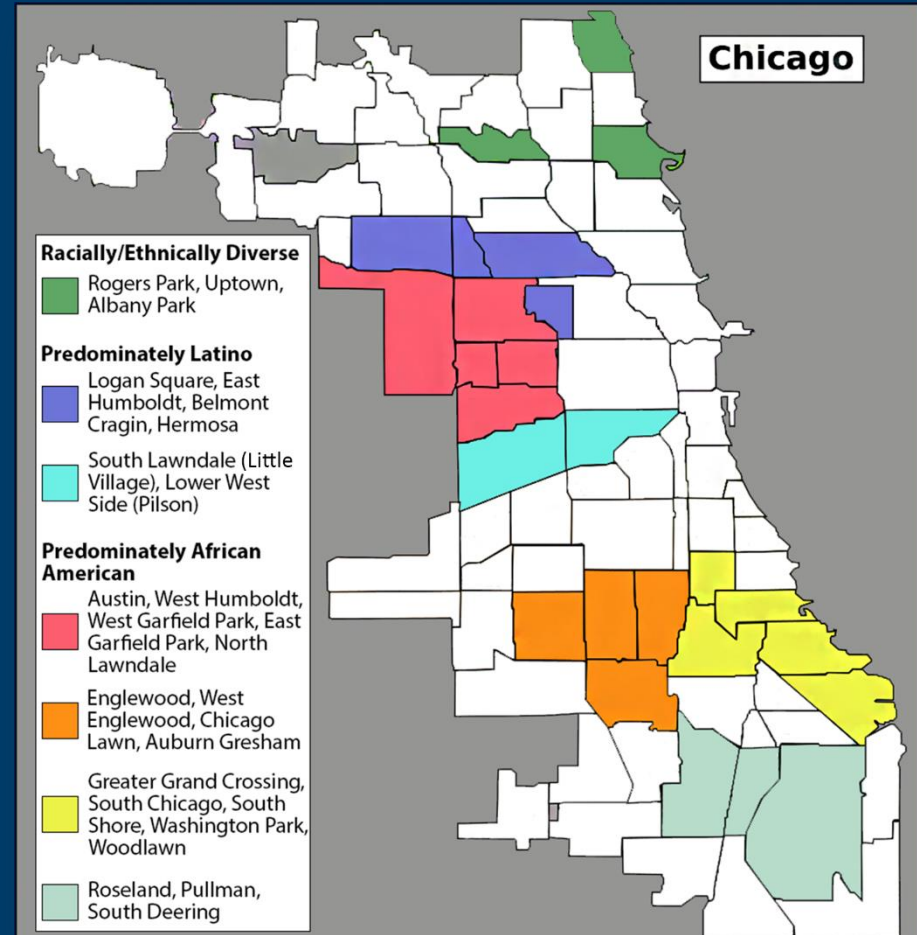
Specific Aims





Specific Aim 1

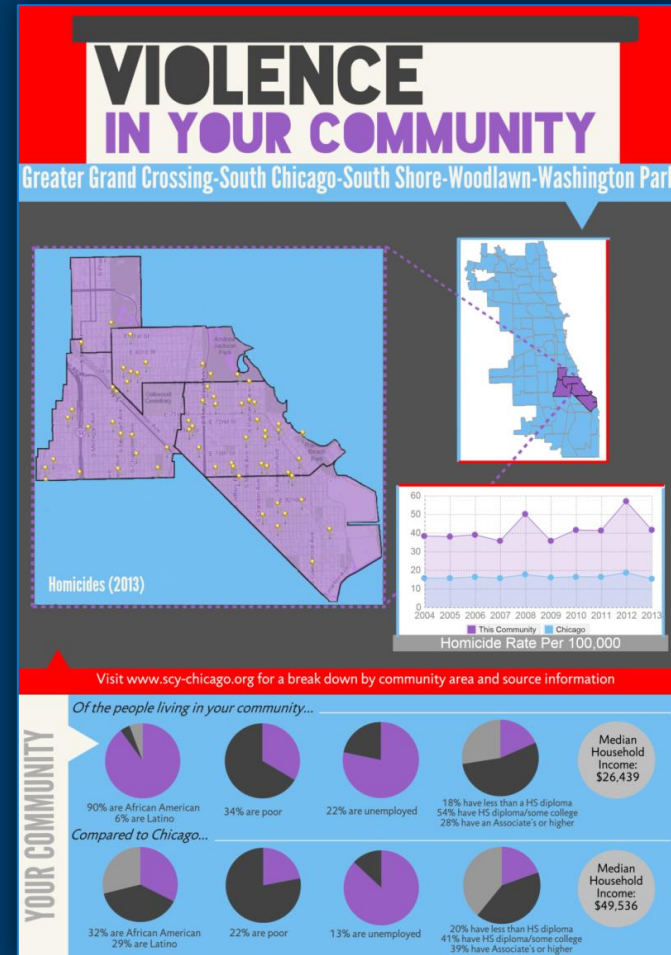
- Identify communities' research priorities
 - Organization Networking Gatherings
 - Open Community Forums





Specific Aim 2

- Raise community awareness of violence-related data and prevention strategies – “knowledge is power”
 - Infographic
 - Community Organization Panel





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Specific Aim 3

- Develop a CBPR agenda for violence prevention in Chicago
- Establish a permanent infrastructure to facilitate CBPR projects



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Partnerships





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Advisory Board

- Roles & Responsibilities
 - Participate in quarterly meetings
 - Advise on design of materials and IRB protocol
 - Recommend community area targets
 - Identify potential host organizations
 - Participate in community meetings
 - Facilitate small group discussions
- Challenges
 - Engagement, investment, and accountability
 - Training requirements
 - Differing levels of facilitation skills
- Lessons Learned
 - Advisory Board as an advisory body only
 - Paid small group facilitators with required training



Host Organizations

- Roles & Responsibilities
 - Provide venue and childcare
 - Assist with recruitment
 - Assist with identification/recruitment of panelists
 - General guidance as community expert
- Challenges
 - Communication
 - Recruitment efforts
 - Childcare
- Lessons Learned
 - Identify staff contacts in MOU
 - Increased stipend
 - Included site visit
 - Developed detailed recruitment plan
 - Developed meeting checklists
 - Identified external childcare provider

Youth Scribe Roles & Responsibilities

- Youth as researchers not subjects
- CIRTification training
- Data collection
- Debriefing meeting





Youth Scribes

- Challenges
 - Communication
 - Quality of notes
 - Transportation
 - Scheduling
 - Lack of youth voice
- Lessons Learned
 - All mediums/all times
 - Training improvements
 - Transit passes
 - School non-attendance days
 - Youth Scribe small group discussion
 - Youth Leadership Council





Community Meetings





Human Subjects Protections

- Exempt
- Participants >18 years old
- No media coverage
- Mitigating risk
 - Group agreements to ensure respect and confidentiality
 - Reminder that participation is voluntary
 - Resource list
 - Reminder to not discuss criminal involvement
- Training for all members of research team





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Agenda

- Infographic
 - Community Organization Panel
 - Small Group Discussions
 - Survey
 - Networking and Resource Table
 - Project Team Debriefing
- Challenges
 - Violence research vs. violence prevention
 - Lack of trust
 - Lessons Learned
 - More framing on research
 - How results will be communicated to community
 - Encourage discussion about trust issues



Recruitment

- We led CBO, researcher, funder recruitment
- Host organization led community resident recruitment
- Recruitment materials
- Incentives
- Challenges
 - Low attendance at first Open Community Forum
- Lessons Learned
 - Revised materials
 - Enhanced outreach

Roseland | Pullman | South Deering

Help Stop Violence in Your Community

Are you tired of outsiders making assumptions about violence in **your** community?

Do you wish researchers and other officials would ask for **your** ideas about violence?

Do **you** want to make a difference?

Come share your thoughts about violence in and around Roseland, Pullman, and South Deering. We'll talk about data about violence and its causes and some of the great work being done to address these issues. Most importantly, **we want to hear from you:**

- How do you think your community should be viewed?
- What do you wish researchers would try to learn about violence?
- How can we support community members to become equal partners in violence research?

This event is hosted by Demoiselle 2 Femme, NFP and Strengthening Chicago's Youth (SCY), a violence prevention program at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago as part of the Community-Academic Collaboration to Prevent Violence in Chicago.

To learn more about this project, visit scy-chicago.org/resources/cacpvc

Open Community Forum

March 25, 2015 | 6 pm – 8 pm
Bellevue Ministry Center
10715 South Halsted, Chicago, IL 60628

Who Can Participate?
Adults (18 years or older) living in or around Uptown, Rogers Park, or Albany Park

Free Child Care & Refreshments!
Plus we are giving away **\$250 in VISA Gift Cards!!**

Questions?
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Next Steps





Priority Research Topics

- Root causes/cycle of violence
- Racism & bias/structural violence
- Geographic patterns
- Trajectory of violence
- Protective factors & nonviolence
- Violence prevention programs
- Individual factors
- Family factors
- Community factors
- Schools
- Police
- Gangs/street organizations
- Policy
- Economics
- Media/norms/public perceptions

Research Agenda



Recommendations to Support Community-Engaged Research

- Relationships and respect
- Value of research to community
- Researcher-community communication
- Inclusivity
- Financial considerations
- Training
- Practical considerations
- Research design
- Sharing results
- Commitment and understanding
- Communicating about data

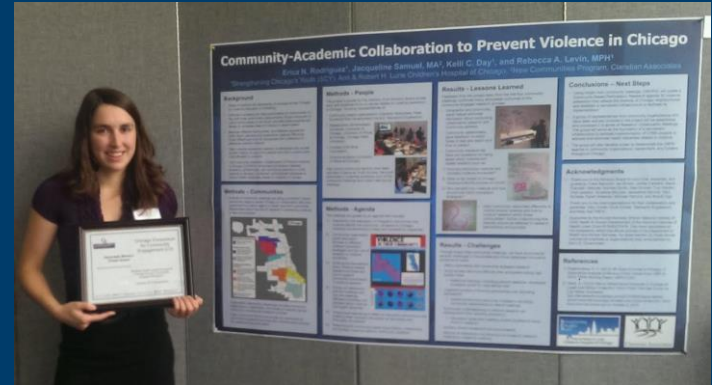


Infrastructure



Dissemination

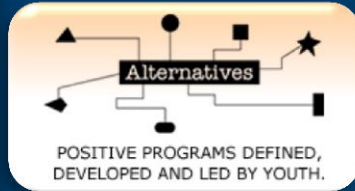
- Communicate back to participating communities
- Poster at Chicago Consortium for Community Engagement (C3) Symposium, October 2014
- Poster on youth engagement presented at APHA in 2015
- Developing plan for manuscript(s) on methods and results



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